



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION,
2 READ-IN BY EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON PAGE 172]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE CALL THE
7 MEETING TO ORDER. WELCOME. WE ASK EVERYONE TO RISE THIS
8 MORNING. WE WILL BE LED IN THE INVOCATION BY FATHER MIKE LEE
9 FROM THE DELORES MISSION CATHOLIC CHURCH LOS ANGELES. FOLLOWED
10 BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY ROBERT DECARLO, FORMER PETTY
11 OFFICER SECOND CLASS, UNITED STATES NAVY, MAJOR, UNITED STATES
12 ARMY. FATHER MIKE.

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14 **FATHER MIKE:** IN A SPIRIT COOPERATION, LET US PRAY FOR THE
15 WELL-BEING OF ALL THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
16 GOD OF THE ANCIENT ONES, THANK YOU FOR THE FRIENDSHIP AND
17 SUPPORT, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ALL THOSE WHO CARE FOR
18 ALL THOSE IN NEED, IN PARTICULAR FOR SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA.
19 THANK YOU FOR THE INVITATION. MAY GOD BLESS AND GUIDE THE
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COUNTY. MAY
21 CIVILITY CHARACTERIZE THESE PROCEEDINGS AS WE REMEMBER AND
22 PRAY FOR ALL VETERANS, ALL MEN AND WOMEN OF THE ARMED FORCES
23 SERVING AT HOME AND ON FOREIGN SOIL. MAY THE GOD OF OUR
24 UNDERSTANDING BLESS AND GUIDE THESE PROCEEDINGS AND LET THE
25 PEOPLE SAY AMEN.

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2 **ROBERT DE CARLO:** PUT YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART. REPEAT OVER
3 ME. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT IS INDEED MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO PRESENT A
8 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO FATHER MIKE LEE. FATHER MIKE
9 HAS SERVED AT THE DELORES MISSION SINCE 2012. DELORES MISSION,
10 AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, IS A VERY, VERY SPECIAL PLACE IN BOYLE
11 HEIGHTS. IT SERVES SO MANY PARISHIONERS, BUT IN PARTICULAR
12 TREMENDOUS FOCUS ON HOMELESS YOUNG PEOPLE AND HOMELESS PEOPLE
13 IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND THEIR WORK IS UNBELIEVABLE, AND IT'S
14 ALWAYS RECOGNIZED. AND WE WANT TO THANK FATHER MIKE FOR BEING
15 PART OF THAT WONDERFUL WORK THAT THEY DO AT DELORES MISSION.
16 FATHER LEE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA. AFTER
17 JOINING THE JESUITS, HE EARNED A RELIGIOUS DEGREE IN RELIGIOUS
18 EDUCATION FROM THE TEACHERS COLLEGE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. HE
19 THRIVES ON MINISTERING TO SMALL COMMUNITIES WITHIN DELORES
20 MISSION AND HE'S IN AWE OF THE FAITH AND THE WISDOM OF ALL HIS
21 PARISHIONERS. SO FATHER LEE, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS IT IS MY HONOR TO GIVE YOU A CERTIFICATE OF
23 APPRECIATION FOR LEADING US IN OUR INVOCATION THIS MORNING.
24 CONGRATULATIONS, SIR. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS, FRIENDS, IT'S A FRIEND
4 BEFORE US TODAY WHO LED US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ROBERT
5 DE CARLO FROM GLENDALE. HE SERVED WITH THE 113TH MEDICAL CORPS
6 COMBAT STRESS COMPANY, HAD TWO TOURS IN IRAQ. HE IS A SOCIAL
7 WORKER WITH A GRADUATE DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
8 CALIFORNIA IN SOCIAL WORK. HE HAS, ALONG WITH HIS NORMAL
9 RESPONSIBILITIES AS A TEAM LEADER OF THE VET CENTER OF LOS
10 ANGELES, HE OVERSEES THE EXTENDED WORKING HOURS 8 A.M. TO 8
11 P.M., MEETING THE GROWING NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AND HAS
12 INSTITUTED NONTRADITIONAL THERAPY TO MEET THE POST-TRAUMATIC
13 STRESS AND THE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY COMBAT VETERANS. SO WE
14 WANT TO APPRECIATE ROBERT FOR COMING DOWN TO LEAD US. HE WAS A
15 PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS MILITARY IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY
16 AND A MAJOR IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, WHICH I WAS PROUD TO
17 SERVE. [APPLAUSE.]

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CAN WE PROCEED
20 WITH AGENDA.

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIR AND
23 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 6
24 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE

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1 SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 27. ON ITEM SD-1 THERE'S A REQUEST
2 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON SD-1?

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON SD-1. YES. ON PAGE 7 AGENDA FOR
7 THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM NO.
8 1-D, THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT ITEM MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA.
11 THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 8, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING
14 OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEM NO. 1-H. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE
15 YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY
18 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 9, AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL
21 PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P AND 2-P. ON THE ITEM
22 NO. 1-P, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ITEM NO. 2-P IS BEFORE YOU.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT ITEM MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
4 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY THE CHAIR. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
5 ORDERED.

6

7 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 10, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
8 ITEMS 1 THROUGH 11. ON ITEM NO. 2, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
9 AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PUT IT ON THE TABLE.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** CORRECT. THANK YOU. WE'LL HOLD
14 THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 3, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
15 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED
16 BACK TO HER OFFICE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 4 AND SUPERVISOR
21 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 6, WE
22 WILL HOLD THIS ITEM WITH ITEM NO. S-1. AND ON ITEM NO. 10,
23 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
24 ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE
25 BEFORE YOU.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE
3 IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO BE
4 THE ORDER.

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 14, CONSENT CALENDAR,
7 ITEMS 12 THROUGH 69.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** COULD WE GO BACK? ON ITEM NO. 4,
10 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I JUST BELIEVE YOU HAD A FRIENDLY
11 AMENDMENT. WE CAN TAKE THAT AND GET RID OF IT. OKAY. WE WILL
12 HOLD IT.

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** WE ARE ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.
15 AND ON ITEM NO. 13, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF
16 THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 14, SUPERVISOR
21 YAROSLAVSKY REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO BE THE ORDER.

24

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ITEM NO. 15 THERE IS A REQUEST
2 FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 19,
3 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
4 ITEM.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 26, THERE'S ALSO A
9 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 27, AS INDICATED ON
14 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES
15 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON ITEM NO. 28, THERE'S
20 A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

23

24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 29, THE DIRECTOR OF
25 MENTAL HEALTH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 31, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
5 THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK. ON ITEM
6 NO. 32, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
7 THIS ITEM.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 34, THE DIRECTOR OF
12 PUBLIC HEALTH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

15

16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 37, SUPERVISOR KNABE
17 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

20

21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 38, THE DIRECTOR OF
22 PARKS AND RECREATION REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
23 AUGUST 5, 2014.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 39, THERE'S A REQUEST
3 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 39?

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7 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 39. 34, YES, IT WAS. IT WAS
8 CONTINUED ONE WEEK. ON ITEM NO. 45, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
9 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ACTUALLY MEMBERS OF
10 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 47, SUPERVISOR KNABE
11 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 50, THERE'S A
12 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
13 NO. 54, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
14 BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS. ON ITEM NO. 59, AS INDICATED ON THE
15 POSTED AGENDA, THE SHERIFF REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
16 CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 62, THERE'S A REQUEST
21 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND ON ITEM NO.
22 69, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
23 ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE
24 BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
2 YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT
3 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. MR. CHAIRMAN, AT THIS TIME, CAN WE JUST
4 TAKE UP AND GO BACK TO ITEM NO. 2 ON THE AGENDA, I BELIEVE?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY
7 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITH A NOTED OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.

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9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON PAGE 43, DISCUSSION
10 ITEMS, ITEM NO. 70 THROUGH 71. ON ITEM NO. 70, AS INDICATED ON
11 THE POSTED AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT
12 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

15

16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 71, WE WILL HOLD FOR A
17 DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 44, MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
18 WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING
19 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM NO. 72-A?

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
22 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
23 ORDERED.

24

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 72-B, SUPERVISOR
2 ANTONOVICH WOULD LIKE TO AMEND HIS MOTION TO REPLACE HIS THIRD
3 RECOMMENDATION WITH THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE, "BRING THE
4 ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
5 CONSIDERATION NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER, 2014."

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY DISCUSSION ON THE CHANGE? IF NOT,
8 WITH THAT RECOMMENDED CHANGE, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
9 THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON ITEM NO. 72-C, THAT
12 ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE
15 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 72-D.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECONDED BY
20 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 47, NOTICES OF CLOSED
23 SESSION, ON ITEM NO. CS-1, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
24 AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
25 TWO WEEKS.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. CS-3, AS INDICATED ON
5 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS
6 ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

9

10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. CS-4, SUPERVISOR
11 MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN I ALSO MAKE A CORRECTION ON THAT? IT IS A
16 SALARY CLASSIFICATION. SO IT SHOULD NOT BE A CLOSED SESSION
17 ITEM. SO IT SHOULD BE A PUBLIC ITEM. CONTINUED FOR A WEEK.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ITEM IS OFF THE
20 TOP OF MY HEAD. OKAY.

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** WE WILL WORK WITH COUNTY COUNSEL
23 TO BRING IT BACK NEXT WEEK. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF
24 THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
25 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 1.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BEFORE WE DO THAT, I HAVE TWO
3 PRESENTATIONS TO TWO NEW MEMBERS OF OUR CONSUL CORPS. IT'S MY
4 PLEASURE ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND THE BOARD TO OFFICIALLY
5 WELCOME THE HONORABLE ALEJANDRO LUIS CASIRO, CONSUL GENERAL OF
6 ARGENTINA TO JOIN US HERE TODAY, TO WELCOME HIM. THE CONSUL
7 GENERAL WHO HOLDS THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR, WORKED IN THE
8 PRIVATE SECTOR BEFORE JOINING THE COUNTRY'S FOREIGN SERVICE,
9 HE EARNED A DEGREE IN ECONOMICS WITH A SPECIALTY IN
10 INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND HAS TAUGHT ECONOMICS IN UNIVERSITIES
11 IN ARGENTINA. HIS FOREIGN POSTINGS HAVE INCLUDED THE EMBASSIES
12 OF ARGENTINA IN SOUTH KOREA, BELGIUM AND CHINA. HE'S ALSO WELL
13 ACQUAINTED WITH THE UNITED STATES AS HE SPENT SEVEN YEARS IN
14 THE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES FROM
15 BUENOS AIRES WHERE HE SERVED AS A NATIONAL DIRECTOR FOR LATIN
16 AMERICAN FOREIGN INTEGRATION IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
17 AFFAIRS IN WARSAW. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO SONS. SO ON
18 BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND OUR 10 MILLION
19 RESIDENTS, WE'D LIKE TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO AMBASSADOR
20 ALEJANDRO LUIS CASIRO. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **ALEJANDRO LUIS CASIRO:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIRMAN,
23 HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. IT'S AN HONOR TO BE WELCOMED
24 HERE BY YOU TODAY. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A VERY VIBRANT AND
25 ACTIVE ARGENTINE COMMUNITY IN THE AREA WHICH CONTRIBUTES ON A

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1 DAILY BASIS ON THEIR SPECIFIC FIELDS. I HAVE ONLY BEEN HERE
2 FOR A FEW WEEKS BUT I HAVE ALREADY EXPERIENCED THE WARMTH AND
3 HOSPITALITY HERE IN LOS ANGELES. WE DO HAVE A LONG-STANDING
4 RELATIONSHIP OF COOPERATION BOTH WITH AUTHORITIES AND ALSO
5 AMONG THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES AND ARGENTINA. I LOOK FORWARD
6 TO WORKING TOGETHER WITH YOU IN THE FUTURE TO FURTHER
7 STRENGTHEN AND DEVELOP THOSE LINKS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

8 [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MIKE, AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ZEV? MARK?
11 IF WE COULD HAVE A PHOTO WITH THE AMBASSADOR? AMBASSADOR, ANY
12 PREDICTIONS ON THE WORLD CUP?

13

14 **ALEJANDRO LUIS CASIRO:** THERE ARE NO PREDICTIONS. I CAN TELL
15 YOU FOR SURE WHO WILL WIN.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NOW WE'D LIKE TO INVITE THE HONORABLE
18 HYUN MYUNG KIM CONSUL GENERAL OF KOREA TO JOIN US. HE JOINED
19 THE KOREAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1979 AFTER EARNING A
20 BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN FRENCH LANGUAGE EDUCATION AND GOING ON TO
21 STUDY LAW. HE HELD POSTS IN SEVERAL OVERSEAS EMBASSIES,
22 INCLUDING JAPAN, VIETNAM AS WELL AS THE NETHERLANDS. HE ALSO
23 SERVED IN THE KOREAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK AS WELL AS
24 IN THE UNITED NATIONS. CONSUL GENERAL KIM ARRIVED IN LOS
25 ANGELES AFTER SERVING AS AMBASSADOR TO IRAQ. HE IS MARRIED

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1 WITH A DAUGHTER AND A SON. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD AND OUR 10
2 MILLION RESIDENTS, WE'D LIKE TO EXTEND A VERY WARM WELCOME TO
3 THE HONORABLE AMBASSADOR CONSUL GENERAL OF KOREA, HONORABLE
4 KIM. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **HYUN MYUNG KIM:** GOOD MORNING. I'M PRETTY HONORED TO BE HERE
7 WITH MY COLLEAGUE CONSUL GENERAL CASIRO. THANK YOU, BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS, FOR THIS VERY KIND AND WARM RECEPTION. I REALLY
9 APPRECIATE THE COUNTY FOR ITS HEARTFELT SUPPORT OF THE KOREAN
10 COMMUNITY, THE LARGEST AND BEST OUTSIDE OF KOREA. LOS ANGELES
11 COUNTY IS FAMOUS ACROSS THE GLOBE AS A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE FROM
12 DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS COME TOGETHER TO MAKE A BETTER LIFE FOR
13 THEIR FAMILIES. HERE IN L.A., ITS CULTURE IS NOT ONLY
14 RECOGNIZED BUT CELEBRATED BY FEELING SO WELCOMED IN THIS
15 COUNTY FOR WHO THEY ARE, THEIR LANGUAGES, THEIR FOOD, THEIR
16 CULTURE. THEY ARE MORE INCLINED TO MAKE FRIENDS, GAIN NEW
17 EXPERIENCES AND LOOK OUT FOR THEIR NEIGHBORS TO BUILD THEIR
18 THRIVING AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY. THESE INGREDIENTS ARE MAKING
19 PEOPLE IN L.A. QUITE HAPPY. IN THIS SENSE, I'M PROUD AND
20 PLEASED THAT KOREAN AMERICANS ARE ALSO PLAYING AN ESSENTIAL
21 ROLE IN THE WELL-BEING OF THIS BEAUTIFUL COUNTY. THE KOREA-
22 U.S. ALLIANCE SPANS MORE THAN 60 YEARS. WE ARE LONGTIME
23 FRIENDS AND ALLIES. DURING THE KOREAN WAR, MANY YOUNG
24 AMERICANS SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES TO DEFEND KOREA FROM THE
25 COMMUNISTS. NOW THANKS TO THEIR HELP, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS

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1 A DYNAMIC DEMOCRACY WITH A VIGOROUS ECONOMY. KOREA-U.S.
2 RELATIONS ARE EXPANDING IN EVERY FIELD: TRADE, INVESTMENT,
3 CULTURE, SOCIAL AND HUMAN EXCHANGE. AND THE KOREAN-AMERICAN
4 COMMUNITY IN L.A. IS WONDERFULLY CONTRIBUTING TO THIS
5 ALLIANCE. I APPLAUD THEIR COMPASSION, HARD WORK AND TIRELESS
6 SPIRIT. I FREQUENTLY TALK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF HAPPINESS.
7 AND ALREADY I FEEL SO HAPPY HERE IN L.A. WITH THE SUNSHINE,
8 WONDERFUL PEOPLE, NOT TO MENTION THE INSPIRATION OF HAPPY SONG
9 BY PHARRELL WILLIAMS. [LAUGHTER.] WITH ALL THIS POSITIVE
10 ENERGY, I WORK HARD TO CONTRIBUTE TO CLOSE COOPERATION AND
11 FRIENDSHIP WITHIN L.A. COUNTY AND KOREA. IN DOING SO, I HOPE
12 TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF HAPPINESS FOR BOTH OF US. THANK YOU
13 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, SIR.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PARDON ME? OH, I SEE. OKAY. WE'RE GOING
20 TO START NOW.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SINCE 1999, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
25 COMMISSION ON WOMEN HAS PROVIDED SCHOLARSHIPS, BOTH COLLEGE

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1 AND VOCATIONAL, FOR GIRLS AT RISK, GIVING THEM AN OPPORTUNITY
2 TO IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE AND THEIR FUTURES. SINCE ITS
3 INCEPTION, THE COMMISSION HAS OFFERED OVER 300 EDUCATIONAL
4 SCHOLARSHIPS TO YOUNG WOMEN THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
5 TODAY, ONCE AGAIN THIS BOARD IS HONORED TO PRESENT 10 YOUNG
6 WOMEN, EACH WITH \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP IN PURSUIT OF THEIR HIGHER
7 EDUCATION IN THE COLLEGIATE CLASSROOM. I'LL START WITH THE
8 RECIPIENTS OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT. WE HAVE THREE SISTERS BEING
9 AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP EACH THIS YEAR. AND I HAVE TWO OF THEM
10 HERE IN MY DISTRICT. FIRST OF ALL, JANI MENDEZ IS CURRENTLY
11 ATTENDING LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE AND IS PURSUING AN
12 ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT. HER GOAL IS TO
13 BECOME AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST AND TRANSFER TO A UNIVERSITY
14 TO OBTAIN A MEDICAL DEGREE. SHE IS PASSIONATE ABOUT HELPING
15 CHILDREN AND IS CURRENTLY AN INTERN AT THE LOS ANGELES
16 UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL WHERE SHE EXHIBITS HER LEADERSHIP SKILLS
17 AND DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITY. SO WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE
18 JANI. ALSO JALISSA MENDEZ IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING LOS ANGELES
19 VALLEY COLLEGE AND HER GOAL IS TO TRANSFER TO UNIVERSITY OF
20 CALIFORNIA CAMPUS AFTER OBTAINING HER ASSOCIATE OF ARTS
21 DEGREE. SHE IS A VOLUNTEER MENTOR WITH THE BIG BROTHERS BIG
22 SISTERS OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. SHE SERVES AS A ROLE MODEL TO
23 YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY. SHE BELIEVES IN THAT EDUCATION
24 AND THE KNOWLEDGE ON EMPOWERING AND SHE'S DEDICATED TO
25 REACHING GOALS TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO PURSUE A HIGHER

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1 EDUCATION. SO WE WANT COULD CONGRATULATE THESE SISTERS AND
2 WISH THEM WELL. I WILL TELL YOU EACH YEAR AT THE ANNUAL EVENT
3 THAT THE COMMISSION ON WOMEN, WHEN SOME OF THESE YOUNG LADIES
4 COME BACK TO TELL THEIR STORIES OF HOW THIS SCHOLARSHIP HELPED
5 THEM PURSUE THEIR GOALS, IT'S MAGIC. SO CONGRATULATIONS.

6 [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA? I WAS JUST SO EXCITED
9 ABOUT THE FOURTH DISTRICT I FORGOT ABOUT EVERYBODY ELSE.

10 [LAUGHTER.]

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, IT IS PRETTY EXCITING TO PRESENT THESE
13 AWARDEES. MY TWO AWARDEES ARE NOT HERE TODAY. THEY ARE
14 TRAVELING. BUT I'M VERY PROUD OF THEM BECAUSE WE'RE ALWAYS
15 PROUD OF HONOREES BECAUSE THEY ARE SO TENACIOUS AND MOTIVATED
16 AND ALWAYS DETERMINED TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS. I'M PROUD OF
17 BOTH OF THEM. FIRST OF ALL WAS LUCEDO NAYOLLA WHO IS CURRENTLY
18 PURSUING A PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY DEGREE AT U.S.C. WHERE SHE
19 MAINTAINS A HIGH GRADE POINT AVERAGE AT U.S.C. SHE COORDINATES
20 THE TROJAN GUARDIAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM TO ASSIST LOCAL FOSTER
21 YOUTH AND SHE ALSO SERVES AS A RESEARCH ASSISTANT FOR THE
22 SCHOOL'S PROBLEMS WITHOUT PASSPORTS PROJECT THAT SHE HAS
23 THERE. I WANT YOU TO ALL HOPEFULLY SHARE WITH HER THAT I'M
24 VERY PROUD OF HER AND I HOPE SHE WILL FULFILL ALL OF HER
25 DREAMS. SO I WANT COULD CONGRATULATE HER. I UNDERSTAND SHE'S

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1 IN DUBAI SOMEWHERE. GOOD THING FOR HER. ANYWAY,
2 CONGRATULATIONS. CHRISTINA ROMERO IS PURSUING A BACHELOR'S
3 DEGREE IN BIOLOGY AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SANTA BARBARA
4 AND SHE IS DETERMINED TO BECOME A CARDIAC SURGEON, A
5 NEUROSURGEON OR A PATHOLOGIST. THOSE ARE ALL VERY CHALLENGING
6 CAREER PATHS. SHE CURRENTLY VOLUNTEERS AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C.
7 MEDICAL CENTER AND SHE PLANS TO WORK TIRELESSLY FOR ACCESSING
8 HEALTHCARE AND EQUALITY FOR ALL WOMEN. CHRISTINA, WE WANT TO
9 CONGRATULATE HER ON HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HOPE SHE IS
10 ENJOYING HERSELF. I HOPE YOU EXTEND MY CONGRATULATIONS TO
11 BOTH. [APPLAUSE.]

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES.
16 I'M PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US TWO YOUNG LADIES WHO ARE MOST
17 DESERVING. AND LET ME BEGIN WITH RAVEN JACKSON, RAVEN, IF YOU
18 WOULD COME FORWARD, GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, PLEASE.
19 [APPLAUSE.] MISS JACKSON GRADUATED WITH HONORS FROM LOYOLA
20 MARYMONT UNIVERSITY AND IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT THE
21 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S PUBLIC POLICY MASTERS
22 PROGRAM AND IS PURSUING A GRADUATE DEGREE TO BE CERTIFIED IN
23 HOMELAND SECURITY. THE ONLY THING THAT I WISH TO SAY TO MS.
24 JACKSON IS: FIGHT ON! UPON GRADUATION, MS. JACKSON PLANS TO
25 BECOME A POLICY ANALYST AND AN ADVOCATE AT ALL LEVELS OF

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1 GOVERNMENT TO REFORM POLICIES THAT AFFECT CHILDREN AND LOW
2 INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS. MISS JACKSON STRIVES TO CREATE POSITIVE
3 CHANGE AND BELIEVES THAT REINVESTING IN YOUNG WOMEN IS AN
4 IMPORTANT STEP IN CREATING A BETTER SOCIETY. LADIES AND
5 GENTLEMEN, PLEASE GIVE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO RAVEN
6 JACKSON. [APPLAUSE.] AND I'M ALSO VERY PROUD OF THIS NEXT
7 YOUNG LADY WHO IS HERE, MARLENE AYANA, WHO IS DISTINGUISHING
8 HERSELF HAVING JUST GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND PLANS TO
9 ENROLL AT LOS ANGELES TRADE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE THIS
10 SUMMER. SHE'S ON HER WAY AFTER SHE CONCLUDES HER WORK AND HER
11 ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE AT TRADE TECH, SHE PLANS TO MOVE ON TO CAL
12 STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES WHERE SHE PLANS TO OBTAIN AND
13 FULFILL HER REQUIREMENTS AND ULTIMATELY HER DREAM OF BECOMING
14 A PRESCHOOL TEACHER. GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]
15 MARLENE GETS IT RIGHT BECAUSE SHE UNDERSTANDS WE NEED TO
16 INVEST ON THE FRONT END IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION. AND HER
17 DETERMINATION TO TEACH AND HAVE HER OWN CLASSROOM SETTING WILL
18 ALLOW HER TO IMPACT TOMORROW'S FUTURE BY EDUCATING THE NEXT
19 GENERATION. A BIG, BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR MARLENE AYANA.
20 [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. CONGRATULATIONS. SUPERVISOR
23 YAROSLAVSKY?

24

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WANT TO PRESENT THIS
2 CERTIFICATE TO EVELYN BUTTRESS, OKAY. EVELYN IS CURRENTLY
3 ATTENDING LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE, AND HER GOAL IS TO
4 TRANSFER TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES AND EARN
5 A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY. EVELYN BELIEVES IN GIVING
6 BACK TO THE COMMUNITY, AND SHE'S WORKED AS A TUTOR FOR PROJECT
7 GRAD, LOS ANGELES, PROVIDING MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH
8 HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE AND COLLEGE READINESS. SHE PRESENTLY WORKS
9 WITH LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE EXTENDED OPPORTUNITIES AND
10 SERVICES PROGRAM, PROVIDING OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY AGENCIES AND
11 TEEN PARENTS ON COLLEGE OPPORTUNITIES. CONGRATULATIONS TO
12 EVELYN. GOOD LUCK AT U.C.L.A. IT'S A GOOD PLACE. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ZEV, DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER ONE? SUPERVISOR
15 ANTONOVICH?

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS, WE HAVE WITH US THIS
18 MORNING ANGELICA MENDEZ WHO RECEIVED HER ASSOCIATE OF ARTS
19 DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE LOS ANGELES VALLEY COMMUNITY
20 COLLEGE. SHE WILL BE TRANSFERRING TO CAL STATE LOS ANGELES TO
21 PURSUE HER DEGREE, BACHELOR'S DEGREE, AND IS A VOLUNTEER WITH
22 MEET EACH NEED WITH DIGNITY. SHE BELIEVES THAT RECEIVING THIS
23 SCHOLARSHIP, IT'S GOING TO OPEN THE DOOR TO NETWORK WITH WOMEN
24 FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS, PROVIDING HER AN OPPORTUNITY TO
25 LEARN FROM THEIR EXPERIENCES. ANGELICA? [APPLAUSE.] ALANDRA

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1 SAUCEDO IS PURSUING HER A.A. DEGREE AT LOS ANGELES PIERCE
2 COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND SHE PLANS TO FURTHER HER EDUCATION BY
3 TRANSFERRING TO C.S.U.N., CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
4 NORTHRIDGE TO PURSUE A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN MARKETING. HER
5 PASSION IN MARKETING IS GEARED TOWARDS CHILDREN AND ULTIMATELY
6 SHE WANTS TO RECEIVE HER BUSINESS DEGREE IN BUSINESS.

7 [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ONE MORE TIME, BIG
10 ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR OUR AWARDEES. [APPLAUSE.]
11 CONGRATULATIONS. TO OUR COMMISSIONERS, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU
12 DO, AS WELL, TOO. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER
13 PRESENTATIONS?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, I DO.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY'RE ALL GOING TO COME UP. MR. CHAIRMAN AND
20 MEMBERS, YOU'RE BEING SURROUNDED BY 44 VERY, VERY PROUD HIGH
21 SCHOOL GRADUATES. THESE ARE OUR FOSTER CARE CHILDREN THAT HAVE
22 BEEN PART OF OUR SYSTEM FOR A LONG TIME. [APPLAUSE] THIS IS
23 THE LARGEST GROUP THAT WE HAVE HAD. THEY HAVE GRADUATED FROM
24 OUR YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM. WHAT'S SO EXCITING ABOUT THIS.
25 THEY'RE ALL WEARING THEIR MEDALS. THEY RECEIVED A MEDAL FOR

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1 THEIR ACHIEVEMENT. THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL PROGRAM. WE KNOW
2 THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES AND ITS SOCIAL
3 WORKERS HAVE WORKED VERY HARD IN THE PAST TRYING TO GET THESE
4 KIDS TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL. BUT WE FOUND THAT THERE'S
5 ALWAYS BEEN BARRIERS TO THAT. SO ONE OF THE THINGS WE STARTED
6 DOING IS WORKING WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND TRYING TO BUILD
7 A PARTNERSHIP WITH THEM. IT WASN'T JUST THE SOCIAL WORKERS
8 PUSHING THE KIDS OR THE CAREGIVERS OR THE FOSTER PARENTS
9 HELPING THEM. WE REALLY NEEDED THAT HAD PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR
10 SCHOOL DISTRICTS. AND OUR VERY FIRST SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS OF
11 COURSE MONTEBELLO AND THEY'RE JOINING US HERE TODAY. AND I
12 WANT TO THANK THEIR SUPERINTENDENT, SUZANNA CONTRERAS SMITH.
13 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] THEY WERE THE VERY FIRST. AND THEY
14 JOINED WITH US IN OPENING UP THEIR SCHOOL. SOMETIMES IT'S NOT
15 REAL GREAT TO GET THESE AGENCIES AND THESE INSTITUTIONS TO
16 WORK TOGETHER. AND THEY STARTED WORKING WITH US. AND WE FOUND
17 A PATHWAY TO GIVE THAT ADDITIONAL BOOST TO THESE YOUNG PEOPLE
18 WHO NEEDED SOME HELP. SOMETIMES IT'S JUST GOING THROUGH THEIR
19 FOLDER AND TRYING TO SORT OUT ALL OF THE CREDITS THAT THEY
20 HAVE, BECAUSE IN MANY INSTANCES, MANY OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE
21 HAVE ATTENDED VARIOUS HIGH SCHOOLS. AND SO WE NEED TO MAKE
22 SURE WE CAN DO THAT. WE WERE TREMENDOUSLY SUCCESSFUL IN
23 WORKING WITH MONTEBELO. WE MOVED ON TO POMONA. WE ARE VERY,
24 VERY PROUD. AND WE HAVE THE POMONA DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT,
25 RICHARD MARTINEZ, HERE, AS WELL. WHERE IS RICHARD? RAISE YOUR

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1 HAND, RICHARD. [APPLAUSE.] WE'RE VERY PROUD OF OUR PARTNERSHIP
2 WITH THEM. WE HAVE MOVED ON. WE WENT ON TO THE EL MONTE SCHOOL
3 DISTRICT AND THE EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WHICH IS MY
4 ALMA MATER, AND LITTLE BY LITTLE THE PROGRAMMING STARTED
5 WORKING. IT WAS THE PARTNERSHIP BUILDING THAT WE NEEDED TO DO
6 WITH EACH SCHOOL. IT WAS NOT JUST THE SOCIAL WORKERS WITH THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES. IT'S MAKING THAT CONNECTION
8 AND RECOGNIZING AND UNDERSTANDING THAT WE HAD TO FOCUS ON THE
9 CHILD. WE HAD TO FOCUS ON THESE FOSTER CARE KIDS AND START
10 SORTING OUT HOW COLLECTIVELY WE'RE GOING TO HELP AND PLAN FOR
11 THEIR GRADUATION. AND THEN BEYOND THAT IN MAKING SURE THAT
12 THEY COULD GO ON TO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. WELL, THEY HAVE
13 BEEN TREMENDOUSLY SUCCESSFUL. AND THESE GRADUATES ALL HAVE
14 SHINING PATHWAYS BEFORE THEM, AND A LOT OF IT IS BECAUSE OF
15 THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES THAT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED. PHILLIP
16 BROWNING IS HERE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES. HE
17 AND HIS SOCIAL WORKERS SHOULD TAKE A BIG BOW FOR A GOOD JOB.
18 CONGRATULATIONS. THEY HAVE BEEN GREAT PARTNERS. [APPLAUSE.] I
19 MENTIONED THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE LEADERSHIP THERE. I ALSO
20 WANT TO POINT OUT THE GREAT WORK BY OUR SERVICE INTEGRATION
21 BRANCH AND MANY OF THE PEOPLE THERE WHO WERE A PART OF
22 BUILDING THIS PROGRAM AND MAKING SURE THAT WE GOT ALL THE
23 TWEAKS AND TWEAKED IT JUST PERFECTLY SO THAT IT'S WORKING NOW.
24 WHAT I'M SO PROUD OF NOW IS THAT IT'S GOING COUNTY-WIDE. IN
25 THE FIRST DISTRICT UP TO NOW AS A PILOT PROGRAM. IT'S NOW

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1 GOING COUNTY-WIDE. AND WE'RE SO VERY PROUD. BUT LIKE ANYTHING
2 ELSE, IT ALWAYS REQUIRED A LITTLE BIT OF TRAINING ON BOTH
3 SIDES. THERE'S ALWAYS RESISTANCE WHEN YOU HAVE TWO OF THESE
4 LARGE AGENCIES COMING TOGETHER. L.A. UNIFIED INITIALLY WOULD
5 NOT LET US IN THEIR DOORS. AND NOW TODAY, NOT ONLY ARE THEY
6 WELCOMING US, THEY'RE BEGGING US TO GO IN. AND SO WE'RE GOING
7 TO BE WORKING WITH THEM. BUT IT ALL TAKES A COOPERATIVE
8 PARTNERSHIP ALONG THE WAY. ONE OF THE PEOPLE THAT WAS INVOLVED
9 IN TRAINING MANY OF OUR SOCIAL WORKERS AND TRAINING THE
10 DEPARTMENT HOW TO INTERFACE WITH THOSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND
11 HOW TO READ FOLDERS AND HOW TO PREPARE FOR GRADUATION IS OUR
12 SHINING STAR PATTI LOPEZ. PATTI, RAISE YOUR HAND. THANK YOU
13 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, AS WELL. [APPLAUSE.] PATTI AND I
14 GRADUATED FROM SCHOOL TOGETHER, AND SHE'S NOW RETIRED BUT
15 SHE'S COME OVER AND VERY GENEROUSLY LEANT HER TIME AND EFFORT
16 AND TALENT TO GETTING THESE KIDS TO GRADUATE. ANOTHER PERSON
17 WHO IS ESSENTIAL IN ALL OF IT WAS IN MY STAFF IS MARTHA
18 MOLINA. SHE HAS WORKED AND HANDLED THIS THING VERY GENTLY
19 ALONG THE WAY. [APPLAUSE.] SHE'S BACK THERE. THERE SHE IS. AND
20 TODAY, SINCE THESE SCHOLARS ARE SO VERY IMPORTANT TO THEM,
21 WE'RE GOING TO PRESENT THEM EACH WITH A CERTIFICATE OF
22 APPRECIATION, THEY DO HAVE THEIR MEDALS, BUT I DO HOPE YOU'LL
23 GIVE THEM APPLAUSE. THEY ARE VERY PROUD OF THEIR
24 ACCOMPLISHMENTS. THEY ARE GOING TO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES,
25 SOME ARE GOING INTO THE MILITARY, SOME ARE ALREADY STARTING

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1 THEIR CAREER PATH AND STARTING THEIR JOBS. ALL I CAN SAY TO
2 EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS, WE'RE SO VERY PROUD OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND
4 WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE REALLY AN IMPORTANT PART OF
5 OUR COMMUNITY AND WE LOVE THE WORK THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE
6 DOING AND WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOU ALL THE WAY
7 THROUGH AS YOU FINISH YOUR UNIVERSITY TRAINING OR YOUR
8 MILITARY AND YOU GO ON TO JOBS. WE'RE HERE TO CONTINUE TO
9 HELP. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THEM. [APPLAUSE.] MARTHA'S
10 GOING TO HELP ME IN PRESENTING THESE CERTIFICATES. LET'S GO
11 AGAIN. LET'S CONGRATULATE NADINE CASTAYELLA. NEXT WE HAVE
12 GENESIS COLINDRES. IS THAT CORRECT, GENESIS? THANK YOU.
13 CONGRATULATIONS. MACK COLLINS. MACK IS HERE. ALL RIGHT. HOW
14 ABOUT MICHAEL CONTRERAS? I MET HIM EARLIER. THERE HE IS. AND
15 WE ALSO HAVE MIGUEL CONTRERAS. THERE HE IS BACK THERE. LET'S
16 CONGRATULATE BRANDY COTEZ. ODETT DE LUPEZ? ODETT? HOW ABOUT
17 TRINA GARCIA. TRINA IS RIGHT HERE FRONT. DARLENE HERNANDEZ?
18 AND VERONICA HERNANDEZ. ALL RIGHT. HERE. SALLY HOLDER? SALLY
19 HERE? LEMON JACKSON? [LAUGHTER.] CONGRATULATIONS. SOPHIA
20 ZAIMA? SOPHIA? SERENA LEYBA? ISAAC LOPEZ? CONGRATULATIONS.
21 SAMANTHA OVALDILLA? SAMANTHA? OKAY. TIARA RICE?
22 CONGRATULATIONS, TIARA. JOSEPHINE RIVERA. ALESIA RODRIGUEZ.
23 ANDREW ROMERO. CONGRATULATIONS, ANDREW. ANNA RUBIO. ANNA?
24 BIANCA SANCHEZ? BACK THERE. MATTHEW SEPULVEDA? OKAY, MATTHEW,
25 CONGRATULATIONS. ERICA SEQUINN? ERICA? THERE WE GO. LASHONTE

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1 SHEPHERD. CONGRATULATIONS LASHONTE. TITIANA SUTTON? BACK HERE.
2 TIFFANY TOLSON? ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE JONATHAN TREJO? BACK THERE.
3 HEY, JONATHAN. KIMBERLY VEGA? WILLIAMS? AND I RAN OUT OF THEM
4 BUT WE HAVE CHRISTIAN COSMAY. HOW ABOUT MIGUEL ESTEBAN. OKAY,
5 GREAT. DID WE MISS ANYONE? WOULD YOU JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING
6 THESE WONDERFUL SCHOLARS? CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] OKAY.
7 OUR FINAL AWARDEE IS ALICIA RODRIGUEZ. SHE'S GRADUATING AFTER
8 FOUR YEARS. AND ALESIA HAS A COUPLE OF WORDS THAT SHE WANTS TO
9 SHARE WITH EVERYONE.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HI, GLORIA MOLINA.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** HELLO.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** THIS IS A FRAME. IT IS A TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION
16 SIGNED BY OUR SENIORS OF THE CLASS GRADUATING OF 2014. THANK
17 YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. HOW LOVELY IS THAT? [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **SPEAKER:** I JUST WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO SHARE WITH YOU GUYS
22 HOW THE PROGRAM HAS HELPED ME. C.Y.F.C. HAS BEEN AN
23 EXTRAORDINARY HELPFUL PROGRAM FOR ME DURING THE PAST FOUR
24 YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL. I AM ETERNALLY GRATEFUL FOR THE HELP
25 FROM INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE FROM THIS PROGRAM. LIKE THE TUTOR

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1 ERICA HERNANDEZ. [APPLAUSE.] AND THE SCHOOL-BASED SOCIAL
2 WORKER ALESIA AGUILLO AND EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED ME FROM THIS
3 PROGRAM THESE PAST FOUR YEARS. I'D LIKE TO MENTION HOW THESE
4 TWO PEOPLE INDIVIDUALLY HELPED ME. FOR STARTERS, MY TUTOR AND
5 MY SCHOOL-BASED SOCIAL WORKER HAVE BEEN MENTORS, TEACHERS AND
6 PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONE SO MUCH FOR ME. MY TUTOR AND SCHOOL-BASED
7 SOCIAL WORKER HELPED ME APPLY FOR COLLEGE, MEET IMPORTANT
8 DEADLINES, APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, HELPED ME ON HOMEWORK,
9 ENCOURAGED ME ON GETTING GOOD GRADES, TAUGHT ME STRATEGIES ON
10 HOW TO WRITE FORMAL EMAILS, GUIDANCE AND CONTINUOUS EMOTIONAL
11 SUPPORT. FURTHERMORE, THIS LAST YEAR, I HAD TO MOVE HOMES
12 DURING MAY AND I WAS AFRAID OF MY ENTRANCE TO UNIVERSITY TO BE
13 JEOPARDIZED SO THESE WONDERFUL TWO HELPERS TOOK THE INITIATIVE
14 TO REACH OUT OF THAT HOME FOR ME AND THANKS TO THEM, I'M STILL
15 CLOSE BY MY SCHOOL OF ORIGIN AND READY FOR THE FALL 2014 TO
16 START GOING TO A FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITY. IT HASN'T ALWAYS WORKED
17 OUT FOR ME THAT IS A HEARTFELT FEELING. I HAVE ALWAYS FELT SO
18 ALONE IN MY LIFE. UNTIL THEY CAME INTO MY LIFE I REALIZE I
19 HAVEN'T BEEN ALONE IN THIS SUCCESS. MY SITUATION IS WHERE I
20 NEVER REUNITED WITH MY PARENTS. WITHOUT THIS PROGRAM, I DON'T
21 KNOW HOW I WOULD HAVE MADE IT AHEAD. THE PROGRAM CHANGED MY
22 LIFE AROUND TO FOCUS AND LOOK ON TOWARDS MY FUTURE AND
23 CONCENTRATE MYSELF IN ACCOMPLISHING MY GOALS. THIS PROGRAM IS
24 ENRICHED WITH SUCH A SPECTACULAR RESOURCES FOR YOUTH. AND I
25 DON'T THINK I COULD EVER REPAY ALL THE HELP I HAVE RECEIVED. I

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1 HAVE ACTUALLY HAVE A GOAL FOR MYSELF. THAT AFTER I ACCOMPLISH
2 MY CAREER GOAL I WANT TO GIVE BACK TO THE C.Y.F.C. PROGRAM TO
3 STUDENTS WHO NEED A HAND. I WANT TO GIVE BACK AND HELP JUST
4 HOW THE PROGRAM WAS ABLE TO DO THAT FOR ME. I WANT TO SEND A
5 WARM AND WELL DESERVED THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE,
6 SUPPORT, FAITH AND FOR ALWAYS BEING IN MY CORNER. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. GOOD MORNING, MRS. MOLINA. I
9 ALSO WANTED TO SHARE SOMETHING WITH YOU IN HOW THE PROGRAM HAS
10 HELPED ME, AS WELL. I WANT TO SAY THAT I'M VERY BLESSED TO BE
11 HERE. AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL. AND I FEEL LIKE THIS IS A
12 PRIVILEGE. I WOULD NEVER IMAGINED I WOULD BE HERE. I WOULD
13 HAVE NEVER IMAGINED THAT I WOULD GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL. AND
14 THERE'S MORE PEOPLE HERE THAT I WOULD THINK WOULD EVER BE
15 CELEBRATING MY GRADUATION, AS WELL, WITH ME. I THOUGHT I WOULD
16 BE ALONE. I WASN'T EXCITED. I DIDN'T WANT TO GRADUATE BECAUSE
17 I FELT THAT NO ONE WOULD BE THERE TO SEE ME. AND NOW THERE'S A
18 LOT OF PEOPLE HERE. AND THERE IS A LOT OF PEOPLE SUPPORTING ME
19 AT THE TIME, AS WELL. AND I'M HAPPY. [APPLAUSE.] AND I'M GOING
20 TO GO SOMEWHERE IN LIFE. AND I'M GOING TO BE SOMEBODY. AND I'M
21 GOING TO DO A LOT OF GREAT THINGS. AND IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU,
22 YOU WERE THE PIECE OF THE PUZZLE THAT WOULD BE MISSING IN MY
23 LIFE TO DO THAT FOR ME BECAUSE WITHOUT YOU, I WOULDN'T HAVE MY
24 SCHOOL-BASED SOCIAL WORKER, LUCILLE, AND I WOULD HAVE NO
25 MOTIVATION AND NO HOPE. AND I WOULD THINK THAT I CAN'T DO

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1 ANYTHING. AND WITHOUT HER, SHE TOLD ME, SHE REMINDED ME THAT I
2 HAVE POTENTIAL AND I HAVE SO MANY THINGS THAT I COULD DO WITH
3 MYSELF THAT I NEVER THOUGHT BECAUSE I WAS TOLD I COULDN'T. AND
4 THANK YOU, GUYS, FOR REMINDING ME THAT I COULD.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** EACH OF THEM COULD COME UP HERE AND TELL YOU A
9 STORY OF THEIR STRUGGLES. EACH OF THEIR STORIES ARE VERY
10 SIMILAR. BUT I THINK THAT EACH OF THEM ARE SO GRATEFUL TO
11 THEIR SCHOOL-BASED SOCIAL WORKER, TO THEIR COUNSELOR, TO THE
12 PEOPLE WHO WERE A PART OF IT. THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE BEHIND
13 THIS PROGRAM. AND I THINK ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IS
14 TO REMIND YOU: YOU ARE NOT ALONE. THESE ARE FOSTER CARE
15 CHILDREN WHO UNFORTUNATELY WENT THROUGH A VERY, VERY TOUGH
16 TIME. SOME TOUGHER THAN OTHERS. AND MOST OF THE TIME OUR
17 STATISTICS SHOW THAT THEY DON'T GRADUATE. BUT WITH THE PROGRAM
18 THERE TO BE SUPPORTIVE AND AS TRINA SAID, YOU ARE NOT ALONE.
19 WE ARE ALL WITH YOU AND WISH YOU THE VERY BEST AND WE
20 CONGRATULATE EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

23 [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL TELL YOU WHAT, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I
2 JUST WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU, AS WELL, ON YOUR PERSEVERANCE
3 ON THIS INCREDIBLE PROGRAM. THESE ARE INCREDIBLE YOUNG PEOPLE
4 THAT HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF A CHANCE THAT YOU AND OTHERS HAVE
5 GIVEN THEM. AND AGAIN TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA, TO OUR GRADUATES,
6 A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
7 DO YOU HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?
8 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS, IT'S A PLEASURE TO
11 WELCOME PATSY JENKINS WHO IS HERE WHO IS RETIRING AFTER 40
12 YEARS FROM ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL. SHE BEGAN ON OCTOBER 12,
13 1976 AND WAS THE FIRST FEMALE CONTROL OFFICER IN THE COUNTY OF
14 LOS ANGELES. SHE SERVED FOR MORE THAN EIGHT YEARS AS AN ANIMAL
15 CONTROL OFFICER THEN PROMOTED TO THE POSITION OF SERGEANT. SHE
16 JOINED THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER WHERE SHE HANDLED OVER 100
17 CALLS A DAY. WHEN ASKED WHAT SHE LIKED ABOUT WORKING FOR THE
18 COUNTY, SHE SAID IT WAS HER FULFILLMENT AND ACCOMPLISHMENT IN
19 PROVIDING CARE FOR ANIMALS AND SHOWING PROFESSIONAL CONCERN TO
20 THE PUBLIC. SO WE THANK HER VERY MUCH FOR HER MANY, MANY YEARS
21 OF SERVICE AND GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION. [APPLAUSE.] DO YOU
22 WANT TO SAY SOMETHING?

23

24 **PATSY JENKINS:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I JUST WANT TO SAY I AM
25 BLESSED TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SHARE WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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1 ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL THESE 37 YEARS. IT HAS BEEN GREAT FOR
2 ME. MY SUPERIORS, MY COWORKERS AND EVEN THE PUBLIC. AND I WANT
3 TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECEIVING ME THIS
4 MORNING. THANK YOU SO VERY KINDLY. HAVE A GREAT DAY.

5 [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **MARSHA MAYEDA:** GOOD MORNING, SUCH A PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE
8 PATSY JENKINS AND HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE. SHE WAS THE FIRST
9 FEMALE HIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL
10 OFFICER AND HER EXPERIENCE THROUGHOUT THE YEARS HAVE BEEN A
11 TREMENDOUS ASSET TO US AS WE'VE CONTINUED TO TRANSITION FROM
12 THE ROLE OF THE TRADITIONAL DOG CATCHER TO PROFESSIONAL ANIMAL
13 CARE AND CONTROL OFFICERS NOW. AND WE'RE JUST SO GRATEFUL TO
14 HAVE HAD PATSY'S PARTICIPATION AND TEAMWORK ALONG THE YEARS
15 AND WISH HER A VERY, VERY HAPPY RETIREMENT. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN WE HAVE WITH US TODAY FROM SAN
18 GABRIEL TROOP 353 OF THE GIRL SCOUTS SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
19 ADVANCING THEM FOR THEIR NATIONAL AMERICAN ROCKETRY CHALLENGE
20 FINALS. THEY CAME IN FIRST OUT OF MORE THAN 700 TEAMS FROM
21 ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO ADVANCE TO THE NATIONAL FINALS. WITH
22 5,000 APPLICANTS. [APPLAUSE.] THE NATIONAL AMERICAN ROCKETRY
23 CHALLENGE IS THE LARGEST STUDENT ROCKET CONTEST AND A KEY
24 PIECE OF THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY STRATEGY TO BUILD A STRONGER
25 U.S. WORKFORCE IN OUR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND

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1 MATH. SO TODAY WE HAVE TROOP LEADER JOCELYN ENSLY, CARA CHUNG,
2 ALEXIS CORDIS, MADELYN EMSILL, EMILY GUARDIAN, MYELIN
3 GUTIERREZ, HANNA KIM AND BANETA MIROLO. CONGRATULATIONS FOR
4 WINNING THE OSCAR. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, WE'RE GIRL SCOUT TROOP 353 AND TARC TEAM
7 AMERICA ROCKETRY CHALLENGE TEAM 14002.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** THE TEAM AMERICA ROCKETRY CHALLENGE'S MISSION IS TO
10 INCREASE INTEREST IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND
11 MATHEMATICS CAREERS IN MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** AS GIRL SCOUTS, IT IS OUR MISSION TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG
14 WOMEN TO PURSUE STEM CAREERS IN FIELDS THAT ARE TRADITIONALLY
15 MALE-DOMINATED.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING GIRL SCOUTS. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SPEAKER:** THESE GIRL SCOUTS ARE THE FIRST AND ONLY GIRL SCOUT
20 TEAM THAT HAS EVER PARTICIPATED IN THIS AEROSPACE DESIGN
21 PROGRAM AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL. THEY DID SO WELL IN IT THAT
22 THEY MADE IT TO NATIONAL FINALS AND THEY CAME IN 29TH OUT OF
23 712 TEAMS. THE TOP 4 PERCENT IN THE NATION. WE'RE VERY PROUD
24 OF THEM. [APPLAUSE.]

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN. [APPLAUSE.]

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND NOW WE HAVE LITTLE DODGER, WHO IS A
4 GERMAN SHEPHERD MIX. HE'S 12 WEEKS OLD. AND HE'S LOOKING FOR A
5 HOME. 562-322-8762 AND LITTLE DODGER WILL BE YOUR LITTLE
6 ANGEL. YOU CAN HANDLE HIM?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** I CAN HAVE HIM?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO LITTLE DODGER IS LOOKING FOR A HOME.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANYTHING ELSE, MIKE? ALL
13 RIGHT. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO CALL THOSE THAT
14 SIGNED UP FOR MULTIPLE ITEMS. GENEVIEVE -- DR. CLAVREUL? SD-1,
15 10, 13, 26, 28'S BEEN CONTINUED ONE WEEK. PREVEN 2, 10, 13,
16 15, 39, 45, 50, 62, 69. SACHS 10, 13, 15, 19, 32, 45, 69 AND
17 SAMANTHA AZULAY 13. >SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: MR. CHAIRMAN,
18 AS THEY'RE COMING UP --

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OH RECONSIDERATION ON ITEM NO. 28. I
21 MOVE RECONSIDERATION. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
22 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE ITEM 28 FOR ONE
23 WEEK.

24

25 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY?

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4 **ERIC PREVEN:** SHOULD I GO AHEAD?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, SURE.

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT'S ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
9 DISTRICT 3. ON ITEM 2 TODAY THERE WERE A COUPLE ABSTENSIONS
10 BUT I DON'T KNOW WHY. IT WOULD BE GREAT IF THE SUPERVISORS WHO
11 DID IABSTAIN, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MICHAEL ANTONOVICH COULD
12 ANNOUNCE WHY IT WAS. ITEM 14 WAS THE COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN.
13 WE'RE UPGRADING THE IDEA OF FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY AND
14 COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND RESPONSIVENESS AS BEING UPGRADED INTO
15 THE TOP OF THAT LIST. I WOULD LIKE SOME EVIDENCE AS TO HOW
16 THAT IS GOING TO GO FORWARD BECAUSE I DID NOTE THAT THE HUMAN
17 TRAFFICKING ITEM, WHICH IS A GROUP THAT HAS BEEN SET UP INSIDE
18 THE COUNTY'S STRATEGIC PLAN, IT WAS CITED, WELL THAT'S GREAT.
19 OBVIOUSLY WE WANT TO TRY TO GET CONTROL OF THAT SITUATION. BUT
20 I REMEMBER IN THIS ROOM THERE WAS A REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO
21 INFORM AND EDUCATE AND TRAIN PEOPLE HOW TO DETECT THAT KIND OF
22 TRAFFICKING, AND THE WHOLE BOARD SORT OF TENSED UP AND SAID
23 WHO'S GOING TO PAY FOR IT? WE'RE NOT DOING IT. AND THAT REALLY
24 BUMMED ME OUT. ITEM NO. 10 IS COUNTY BUSINESS AS USUAL. THIS
25 IS A GROUP CALLED THE LABOR MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE. AND

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1 WHAT IT REALLY SAYS, BECAUSE THIS IS AN OLD KIND OF NOT
2 DEFECTIVE BUT NOT SUPER FUNCTIONAL GROUP, IT'S A GROUP THAT
3 UNDER THE CATEGORY OF EXPENSES, THEY FOUND THE AUDIT COMMITTEE
4 FOUND WERE NOT WARRANTED IN TERMS OF THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS,
5 THEY FOUND THERE WERE NONE, AND IN TERMS OF THEIR FUTURE
6 OBJECTIVES, THEY FOUND THAT THEY WERE NOT RELEVANT. THE AUDIT
7 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED SIGNING THEM UP FOR ANOTHER FIVE YEARS.
8 SO, I FIND THAT A PROBLEM. YET I DO SUPPORT KEEPING A LABOR
9 MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION THAT'S ACTUALLY FUNDED AND MOVING
10 FORWARD, BUT THIS IS REALLY KIND OF AN EMBARRASSMENT. ITEM NO.
11 15 IS 28 MILLION PLUS OR MINUS TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR
12 ASSOCIATION, WHO MR. KRATTLI AND MANY ARE A MEMBER OF HERE, TO
13 HELP WITH INDIGENT, WHERE THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND AUDITOR
14 DEFENDER DON'T FIT BUT THESE TAKE OVER. IT'S SOLE SOURCE. WHAT
15 ABOUT PUBLIC COUNSEL? WHAT ABOUT THE MANY OTHER PROVIDERS OF
16 THIS KIND OF SERVICE? IT'S JUST A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY
17 THAT SHOULDN'T BE DONE THAT WAY. ITEM 62 IS THE SHERIFF IS
18 FIXING UP HIS LAUNDRY MAINTENANCE TEAM. BUT HE'S GIVING THEM A
19 24.8 PERCENT INCREASE, WHICH I FIND EXCESSIVE IN THIS DAY AND
20 AGE. THE ITEM 34 IS REALLY KIND OF INTERESTING. THE PUBLIC
21 HEALTH GROUP, JON FIELDING'S GROUP, IS GOING TO DISTRIBUTE A
22 LITTLE MORE THAN 2 MILLION OR SO DOLLARS AND THEY'VE ALREADY
23 DISTRIBUTED TO 17 SEPARATE GROUPS FOR MEDIA OUTREACH REGARDING
24 THE OBESITY PROGRAM WHICH SUPERVISOR MOLINA REFERRED TO THIS
25 MONEY COMES FROM FIRST FIVE L.A., SHE REFERRED TO IT AS

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1 STEALING THE MONEY FROM CHILDREN BECAUSE THE COUNTY AGENCIES
2 WERE FEEDING ON FIRST FIVE MONEY. I WOULD HOPE THAT THESE
3 GROUPS, THAT INCLUDE C.B.S. BY THE WAY, ARE ACTUALLY GETTING
4 THAT MESSAGE OUT AND THAT WE'RE BENCHMARKING TO BE SURE THAT
5 THEY ARE REALLY ON THAT. ITEM NO. 39 IS MAYOR ANTONOVICH'S
6 DISTRICT. WE'VE GOT A MENTAL HEALTH REPLACEMENT CENTER. THIS
7 IS A CAPITAL PROJECT, IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR MENTAL HEALTH
8 PLACE. NOW WE'VE GIVEN IT TO A GROUP WHO BID 600,000 OVER
9 ANOTHER BIDDER. AND I DON'T KNOW WHY WE WOULD DO THAT. I DON'T
10 KNOW WHY WE WOULD LEAVE BEHIND SO MUCH MONEY ON THE TABLE FOR
11 A GROUP THAT'S BASED IN WASHINGTON STATE, TECHNICALLY, THEIR
12 HEADQUARTERS. I THINK WE SHOULD BRING THOSE JOBS HOME LOCALLY.
13 SECONDLY ITEM 45 SIMILAR HERE WE ARE CONTRACTING WITH WINTECH
14 WHICH IS A GROUP OUT OF IRVINE, WHICH IS ORANGE COUNTY. WHY
15 ARE WE GETTING TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES FROM ORANGE COUNTY IN L.A.
16 COUNTY? THAT TO ME IS NOT APPROPRIATE. THANK YOU, SIR, FOR THE
17 EXTENDED TIME.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

20

21 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
22 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM NO. 10, I DON'T THINK WE
23 SHOULD DELAY THE AUDIT. AS USUAL, ALMOST EVERY TIME WHEN WE
24 HAVE A SUNSET REVIEW, IT IS POSTPONED. AND ON THAT SPECIFIC
25 ISSUE, I THINK AN AUDIT IS VERY MUCH NEEDED. ON ITEM 13 WITH A

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1 D.P.H./D.M.H. CONTRACT, AGAIN IT IS SOLE-VENDOR CONTRACT. A
2 SOLE-VENDOR CONTRACT TO A COMPANY WHERE WE HAVE ALREADY GIVEN
3 A LOT OF MONEY. I THINK THAT'S RIDICULOUS. LIKE I ALWAYS SAID,
4 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, TO HAVE A SOLE- VENDOR CONTRACT IS AN
5 OXYMORON. ON ITEM 14 WHICH YOU HAVE NOT HELD, BUT LIKE I TOLD
6 YOU MANY TIMES BEFORE, WHEN IT IS ON YOUR AGENDA, YOU HAVE TO
7 ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK TO IT, OTHERWISE IT IS A VIOLATION
8 OF THE BROWN ACT AND I WILL SPEAK TO ITEM 14. I'M VERY
9 CONCERNED THAT IT WAS CONTINUED BECAUSE IT'S SUPPOSED TO
10 REFLECT THE COUNTY OF RENEWED FOCUS ON SERVING CONSTITUENTS IN
11 A PROACTIVE AND RESPONSIVE MANNER. LET ME TELL YOU, I WILL
12 APPLAUD THAT. I WILL LOVE TO BE SERVED IN A PROACTIVE AND
13 RESPONSIVE MANNER BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR
14 THE SIGNED LEASE FOR M.L.K. HOSPITAL AND I'M STILL WAITING
15 TODAY. I HAVE BEEN ASKING NUMEROUS PEOPLE. I HAVE GIVE EACH
16 ONE OF YOU A REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.
17 YESTERDAY WHEN I CALLED AND THEY SAID "OH IT'S COME UNDER MR.
18 FUJIOKA." WHERE IS MR. FUJIOKA TODAY? ANYWAY, I WOULD LIKE
19 VERY MUCH FOR HIM TO GET A COPY BECAUSE I WANT AN APPOINTMENT
20 TO GO TO SEE THAT, PLEASE? LIKE YOU ARE MANDATED TO DO UNDER
21 THE BROWN ACT. I WANT AN APPOINTMENT WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS.
22 SOMEBODY WANT TO GIVE THAT TO ME, MR. FUJIOKA? AND SO MUCH FOR
23 SERVING PEOPLE PROACTIVELY AND IN A RESPONSIVE MANNER. I DON'T
24 THINK YOU QUALIFY FOR THAT AT ALL. UNDER ITEM 26, AGAIN THAT'S
25 A SOLE-VENDOR CONTRACT. AND THIS ONE IS EVEN WORSE THAN THE

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1 OTHER ONE MENTIONED. YOU HAVE INERTIA GRANT SOLE- VENDOR
2 CONTRACT TO A WOMAN CONSULTANT. SINCE WHEN ARE WE HAVING
3 INDIVIDUAL SPECIFICALLY PICKED OUT FOR A GRANT? THAT'S A
4 LITTLE NOT KOSHER. AND ON ITEM 28 HAVING TO DO WITH W.E.R.C.
5 AT S.E.I.U., I HAVE COMPLAINED FOREVER ABOUT THAT SO-CALLED
6 NONPROFIT W.E.R.C. WHERE IT IS REALLY S.E.I.U. IT IS A TOTAL
7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST WHEN THE HEAD OF THAT COMPANY IS AN
8 APPOINTEE ON A COMMISSION OF THE HOSPITAL. DEFINITELY CONFLICT
9 OF INTEREST. LOUD AND CLEAR. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS AND I
14 DID HOLD SEVERAL ITEMS. I STARTED WITH ITEM 10. IT'S USUALLY A
15 LANGUAGE THING. PART OF ITEM NO. 10 IS THE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY
16 COMMITTEE. THESE ARE ACTIVITIES APPROVED BY YOUR BOARD OF THEN
17 FURTHER DOWN IN THE NEXT PARAGRAPH, YOU SAY "ACTIVITIES
18 APPROVED BY THE BOARD." SO WHICH BOARD ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT
19 WHEN YOU SAY "YOUR" BOARD APPROVED THESE ACTIVITIES IN THE
20 FIRST PLACE, AND NOW IT'S "THE" BOARD. I HELD ITEM 13, ALSO
21 LANGUAGE. IT MENTIONS FIVE FULL-TIME CUSTODY ASSISTANTS IN
22 EXCESS OF THE SHERIFF'S STAFF ORDINANCE. STAFF ORDINANCE.
23 THERE MUST BE A STAFF ORDINANCE FOR D.C.F.S. SO WHEN
24 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH TALKED ABOUT THE AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE
25 THOSE 650 EMPLOYEES LAST YEAR BEFORE YOU DID THE BLUE RIBBON

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1 COMMISSION, THEY WEREN'T PART OF A STAFF ORDINANCE, SO THAT
2 WAS JUST PASSING GAS. BECAUSE YOU HAVE IT RIGHT HERE. SECTION
3 6.06.020, COUNTY CODE. I HELD ITEM 15 ALSO. THE INDIGENT
4 CRIMINAL DEFENSE PROGRAM. ISN'T IT A CONFLICT WHEN YOU PAY THE
5 JUDGES \$50,000 AND THEN YOU PAY THE LAWYERS FEES ALSO? IT'S A
6 CONFLICT OF INTEREST THERE. I HELD ITEM 19 REFERS TO A MAXIMUM
7 CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$2 MILLION FUNDED 56 PERCENT BY FEDERAL
8 FUNDS AND 44 PERCENT BY STATE FUNDS. NOW, DO THE MATH. THAT'S
9 100 PERCENT. BUT YOU'RE ALLOWING THE D.C.F.S. HEAD TO MAKE
10 CHANGES BY 10 PERCENT. HOW CAN HE CHANGE FEDERAL AND STATE
11 FUNDING UNLESS YOU'RE NOT SPENDING ALL THE \$2 MILLION ON THE
12 PROGRAM? THAT'S THE ONLY THING THAT MAKES SENSE. BECAUSE IF
13 YOU'RE SPENDING THE \$2 MILLION AND HE DECIDES TO RAISE THE
14 FEES OR RAISE THE PRICES 10 PERCENT, THAT'S 2,200,000. BUT YOU
15 ALREADY USED UP ALL THE FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL AND THE STATE
16 GOVERNMENT. WHERE'S THE \$200,000 COME FROM? I HELD ITEM 32,
17 LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENT, WHOO. TIES IN PERFECTLY WITH ITEM 37,
18 WHICH YOU PASSED. B.O.S., THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TOXIC
19 POLLUTANTS MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD. WOW, THERE'S A MOUTHFUL. THE
20 TOXIC POLLUTANTS DAILY LOAD FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
21 STAY TUNED FOR MORE. I HELD ITEM 45, SKILLED ACCOUNTING
22 SERVICES FOR THE BOARD? WHEN YOU DO 12 TIMES 6 AND YOU COME UP
23 WITH 66 FOR THE SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL? YOU NEED SKILLED
24 ACCOUNTING SERVICES? WHEN YOU GUYS DOUBLE MEASURE "R" SALES
25 TAX FROM \$700,000 TO 1.3 BILLION? SKILLED SERVICES? AND 69 IS

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1 AN ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION, NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS. IT
2 DOESN'T REALLY SAY.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** BUDGETED AND FILLED POSITIONS, IT DOESN'T SAY
7 THAT, EITHER. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU HAVE A NUMBER OF ITEMS TODAY, LADIES
10 AND GENTLEMEN, I WILL JUST TELL YOU, WE DO NOT ALLOW APPLAUSE.
11 AM I TALKING TO YOU? NO, I'M NOT. I AM NOT TALKING TO YOU, MR.
12 SACHS. PLEASE BE SEATED. I'M TALKING TO THE NICE AUDIENCE. WE
13 HAVE A NUMBER OF -- I AM NOT TALKING TO YOU, SIR. LADIES AND
14 GENTLEMEN, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF ITEMS TODAY. AND OBVIOUSLY SOME
15 ARE CONTROVERSIAL, SOME A LOT OF OPINIONS. AND WE WOULD JUST
16 ASK NO APPLAUSE. LIKE WE ALWAYS DO. AND IF YOU EITHER SUPPORT
17 OR OBJECT, NO APPLAUSE, NO BOOING, NONE OF THAT BECAUSE PEOPLE
18 ARE GOING TO BE ON BOTH SIDES OF ALL THE ISSUES. JUST SORT OF
19 GIVE US A LITTLE CELEBRATION ON EITHER SIDE OTHER THAN NOISE,
20 OKAY? SO I'D JUST APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION AS YOU HAVE DONE
21 IN THE PAST. THAT'S JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER, THANK YOU.

22 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, ITEM 13, PLEASE?

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. JUST A
25 BRIEF READ-IN. THE MOTION OF THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US.

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1 ESSENTIALLY IS TO LEVERAGE STATE GRANT DOLLARS TO ENROLL AT-
2 RISK POPULATION INTO EXPANDED MEDI-CAL. ESSENTIALLY TO DIRECT
3 THE DIRECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH, MENTAL
4 HEALTH, HEALTH SERVICES AS WELL AS PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AND
5 THE SHERIFF TO PROVIDE THE BOARD 14 DAYS OF PRIOR WRITTEN
6 NOTIFICATION BEFORE THEY ROLL OVER OR REDIRECT ANY OF THE
7 UNSPENT FUNDS OR BEFORE PROVIDING ANY INCREASE OR DECREASE IN
8 FUNDING ANY ENTITIES. SECONDLY TO PROVIDE QUARTERLY WRITTEN
9 UPDATES OF THEIR ENROLLMENT PROGRESS BY DEPARTMENT BROKEN DOWN
10 BY TARGETED ENROLLMENT GROUP THAT SERVE AS PLANNING AREAS.
11 THIRDLY TO TAKE COST-NEUTRAL STEPS TO STRIVE TO ENROLL AT
12 LEAST 10 PERCENT MORE THAN THE CURRENT ENROLLMENT TARGETS; AND
13 IN THE CASE OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, ENROLL APPROXIMATELY
14 7,500 INDIVIDUALS. AND, FINALLY, MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO
15 ENSURE ENROLLMENT OF ACTIVITY-TARGETED AREAS OF THE HIGHEST
16 NEED AND ENGAGE FAITH-BASED INSTITUTIONS. MR. CHAIRMAN, I
17 THINK THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE INTENT OF THE MOTION. IT
18 REFINES IT SOME. CONSULTATION HAS TAKEN PLACE WITH THE
19 RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS, AT LEAST SOME OF THEM. IT IS MY
20 UNDERSTANDING, MR. CHAIRMAN, THERE WERE SOME CURRENT CONCERNS
21 THAT YOU MAY HAVE HAD ABOUT THIS INITIALLY, AS WELL. WE ARE
22 JUST TRYING TO MAKE SURE WE GET THE MOST OUT OF IT, AND I
23 WOULD SO MOVE.
24

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IS THERE A SECOND TO THAT? OKAY.
2 IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. SO ITEM 13 AS AMENDED MOVED BY
3 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
4 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, POINT OF ORDER HERE,
9 WE'LL CALL UP ITEM 1-P, PLEASE.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. IS MR. EDMUNDSON HERE? MR. CHAIRMAN,
12 AS THE INDIVIDUAL IS COMING FORWARD, CAN I GET APPROVAL ON THE
13 CONSENT ITEM?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THOUGHT WE DID THAT. IF NOT, MOVED BY
16 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
17 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WE DOUBLE DOWN ON THAT?

18

19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** I DIDN'T READ THE ITEMS.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CONSENT ITEMS.

22

23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE CONSENT ITEMS THAT THE
24 SPEAKERS --

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I CAN ADD THAT SENTENCE IF YOU WANT. "DOES IT
2 INCLUDE THE DISCUSSION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF L.A. COUNTY'S
3 MILITARY INSTALLATIONS TO THE MILITARY'S READINESS
4 PREPAREDNESS."

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE MAKER OF THE MOTION WILL ACCEPT
7 THAT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO BE THE ORDER. SO THE CONSENT
8 CALENDAR PLUS ITEM 4. CORRECT? ARE YOU OKAY?

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10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** I THINK I SHOULD READ THE ITEMS
11 JUST VERY QUICKLY.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IT WOULD BE SD-1 IS BEFORE YOU,
16 10, 15, 19, 26, 32, 39, 45, 50, 62 AND 69. AND ITEM NO. 4 AS
17 AMENDED.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 4 AND WE ALREADY ACTED ON 13.

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21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** CORRECT.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

24 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO

25 ORDERED.

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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, ITEM
3 1-P, PLEASE.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COLLEAGUES AND MEMBERS, I
6 HELD THIS ITEM NOT BECAUSE I OPPOSE THE PRESERVATION OF THE 77
7 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE LAND IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, BUT AS
8 THE BOARD KNOWS, I AM A STRONG SUPPORTER OF OPEN SPACE,
9 PARTICULARLY WITH LANDS THAT ARE ACQUIRED WITH PROP "A" FUNDS.
10 BUT INSTEAD I HELD THIS ITEM BECAUSE I HAVE GRAVE CONCERN
11 ABOUT THE LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION TO WHOM WE'RE GRANTING
12 OVER A HALF MILLION DOLLARS TO UNDERTAKE A TRUST, A SACRED
13 TRUST, JOE, OF ACQUIRING LAND FOR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES. THE
14 MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY THAT IS LED BY
15 MR. JOE EDMISTON. FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS, AND UP UNTIL LAST
16 YEAR, M.R.C.A. AND MR. EDMISTON WERE SYNONYMOUS WITH OPEN
17 SPACE, PARTNERS IN PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE SANTA MONICA
18 MOUNTAINS ALONG THE L.A. RIVER, IN THE WHITTIER HILLS AND
19 THROUGHOUT MY DISTRICT. NEVER DID IT ENTER OUR MIND THAT
20 M.R.C.A. AND THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY WOULD EVER
21 SELL US OUT. BUT, INSTEAD, THEY WOULD CHOOSE OIL OVER OPEN
22 SPACE AND WOULD BETRAY THE VERY INTENT OF PROP "A," A
23 PROPOSITION THAT REQUIRES US TO USE THE M.R.C.A. TO ACQUIRE
24 OPEN SPACE. BUT IT DID HAPPEN. THE OPEN SPACE DISTRICT AND THE
25 PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES HAVE BEEN HORRIBLY BETRAYED. THE

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1 M.R.C.A. HAD THE ABILITY TO STOP THE OIL DRILLING, BUT INSTEAD
2 IT SOLD ITS RIGHTS AND ITS INTEGRITY TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. BY
3 ALIGNING ITSELF WITH THE CITY OF WHITTIER AND MATRIX OIL TO
4 ADVOCATE FOR OIL DRILLING IN PROP "A" OPEN SPACE LAND. BUT
5 M.R.C.A. DID NOT STOP THERE AND JUST SETTLE AND WAIT FOR ITS
6 MONEY; INSTEAD, M.R.C.A. HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE ADVOCATE AGAINST
7 THE COUNTY AND THE COMMITMENT FROM PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES TO
8 OPEN SPACE. THEY HAVE BEEN AT EVERY SINGLE LEGAL BATTLE.
9 LUCKILY, L.A. COUNTY HAS WON EVERY SINGLE LEGAL BATTLE, I WANT
10 TO REMIND YOU, MR. EDMISTON, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY WHAT I'M
11 CONCERNED ABOUT IS THE M.R.C.A. HAS ARGUED THAT THE DISTRICT
12 APPROVAL, NOT EVEN REQUIRED, TO CHANGE THE USE OF PROP "A"
13 OPEN SPACE FOR OIL DRILLING. WELL THIS IS DISASTROUS. I REALLY
14 FEEL THAT THE M.R.C.A. CANNOT BE TRUSTED TO PROTECT PROP "A"
15 OPEN SPACE ANYWHERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AFTER THEY BETRAYED
16 US IN THE WHITTIER HILLS. YOU MIGHT SAY "WELL, BUT JOE
17 EDMISTON IS NOT GOING TO ALLOW OIL DRILLING IN THE SANTA
18 MONICA MOUNTAINS" BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT WE CAN TRUST THAT
19 ANYMORE. AND IT IS A CONCERN THAT I HAVE. BUT NOW, OUR OPEN
20 SPACE AND THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS AND ALL WHITTIER HILLS IS
21 COMPROMISED. AND I REALIZE THAT WE HAVE VERY FEW OPTIONS WHEN
22 IT COMES TO THE KIND OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN QUICKLY ACQUIRE
23 OPEN SPACE AND THEN OUR OPEN SPACE DISTRICT HAS PUT IN PLACE
24 SPECIFIC PROTECTIONS TO ADDRESS M.R.C.A.'S BETRAYAL. BUT
25 UNFORTUNATELY, THAT'S NOT ENOUGH, JOE. WE NEED TO DO MORE TO

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1 SUPPORT OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO DO THE WORK. PEOPLE LIKE THE
2 TRUST FOR PUBLIC LANDS WHO HAVE THE INTEGRITY TO PROTECT OPEN
3 SPACE AS THE VOTERS WHO VOTED FOR THESE PROPOSITIONS TO GIVE
4 US ALL OF THE MONEY TO PROTECT THIS OPEN SPACE HAD INTENDED
5 BECAUSE THEY'RE TRULY COMMITTED TO OPEN SPACE. THEY'RE
6 COMMITTED TO PARKS AND WILDLIFE HABITAT. AND THEY'RE NOT GOING
7 TO SELL US OUT TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. SO I AM DEEPLY
8 DISAPPOINTED AND DISMAYED. I DON'T KNOW. DO YOU HAVE PLANS TO
9 DRILL FOR OIL IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, JOE? WHY NOT?
10 [SILENCE.] I'M SORRY?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MICROPHONE.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY NOT?

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MICROPHONE IS NOT ON.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW.

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20 **JOE EDMISTON:** THERE IS THE SITUATION IN WHITTIER WAS
21 ABSOLUTELY UNIQUE HAVING TO DO WITH THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH
22 THE CITY OF WHITTIER, NOT THE M.R.C.A., ACQUIRED THAT
23 PROPERTY. THERE ARE NO EQUIVALENT CIRCUMSTANCES THAT I KNOW
24 OF, EVEN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS OR, FRANKLY, ANY OTHER
25 PLACE IN THE COUNTY.

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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO ANY OIL COMPANY WILL DO ALL IT CAN TO ACQUIRE
3 AND GET WHAT IT HAS DONE. IT HAS BIG, BIG BUCKS. SO ARE YOU
4 SAYING THAT IF SOMEBODY ON THE CITY COUNCIL WERE TO MAKE SUCH
5 A PROPOSAL FOR THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, THAT YOU GUYS MIGHT
6 BE PART OF THAT AGREEMENT?

7

8 **JOE EDMISTON:** SUPERVISOR, AS I SAID BEFORE, I AM NOT AWARE AND
9 I AM PRETTY COGNIZANT OF MOST OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE SANTA
10 MONICA MOUNTAINS, I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY OTHER ANALOGOUS
11 SITUATION THAT COULD OCCUR BECAUSE THIS WAS A UNIQUE
12 ACQUISITION WHERE THE OIL RIGHTS WERE ACQUIRED BY THE CITY OF
13 WHITTIER. VIRTUALLY NO OTHER PLACE DO OIL COMPANIES OR,
14 FRANKLY, ANYBODY ELSE HAVE THE UNDERLYING RIGHTS.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY HAVE NO RIGHTS. AND THAT'S WHY YOU'VE BEEN
17 LOSING IN COURT.

18

19 **JOE EDMISTON:** I'M NOT GOING TO -- I'M NOT A LAWYER, THANK GOD.
20 SO THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD BY THE VARIOUS LAWYERS. I'M NOT
21 IN A POSITION TO VOUCHSAFE TO YOU THE TRUTH OF THAT MATTER OR
22 NOT.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, WE'VE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THIS FOR A
25 LONG TIME. AND I'M GLAD WE'RE WINNING. AND I APPLAUD OUR

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1 COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE LAWYERS THAT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN IT.
2 IT'S STILL AN UPHILL BATTLE. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, ALL OF
3 THESE PROPOSITIONS ARE VOTED BY VOTERS ACROSS THE COUNTY WITH
4 THE IDEAL OF PRESERVING OPPORTUNITIES. THEY'RE WILLING TO PAY
5 THEIR TAX DOLLARS TO PRESERVE THIS LAND. AND THEY NEVER, EVER
6 THOUGHT THEY WOULD BE BETRAYED IN THIS FASHION. NOBODY WANTS
7 TO SEE OIL DRILLING, AN OIL DERRICK IN THE MIDDLE OF THEIR
8 PARK, IN THE MIDDLE OF THEIR HIKING PATH. IT'S JUST NOT
9 ACCEPTABLE NO MATTER WHAT IT SAYS. THE PUBLIC SEES IT AS OPEN
10 SPACE; IT SHOULD BE PRESERVED AS OPEN SPACE AND NATURAL
11 HABITAT. YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER, JOE. BUT I'M DEEPLY
12 DISAPPOINTED WITH M.R.C.A.'S POSITIONS. I'M PARTICULARLY
13 DISAPPOINTED WITH THEIR ACTIONS AND THEIR READING OF THE
14 LANGUAGE AS THEY SEE IT ABOUT OIL DRILLING IN THE WHITTIER
15 HILLS. AND ALTHOUGH I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS PROJECT, I DO NOT
16 TRUST THE M.R.C.A., AND SO, CONSEQUENTLY, I'M GOING TO ABSTAIN
17 ON THIS ITEM.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? IT'S
20 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. EXCUSE ME. THE CHAIR WILL
21 SECOND. WITH THE NOTED ABSTENTION, WE DO HAVE ONE SPEAKER, MR.
22 SACHS?

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24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. MS.
25 MOLINA, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WERE LISTENING TO WHEN THE

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1 WHITTIER OIL FIELD CAME BEFORE HERE AND THEY WERE TALKING
2 ABOUT THE PROJECT. BUT I REMEMBER SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WAS
3 DRILLING THE ATTORNEY FOR THE COMPANY. AND THE COMPANY
4 ATTORNEY SAID "WE SHOWED THE PROJECT TO COUNTY COUNSEL. AND
5 COUNTY COUNSEL DIDN'T ACT ON IT." SO COUNTY COUNSEL WAS AWARE
6 THAT THIS PROJECT WAS GOING TO OCCUR IN WHITTIER, BUT THEY
7 DIDN'T ACT ON IT. SO WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT WHO TO TRUST AND WHO
8 NOT TO TRUST? I WOULDN'T BE TRUSTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
9 THAT'S WHO I WOULDN'T BE TRUSTING. BECAUSE THE COUNTY COUNSEL
10 DIDN'T ACT ON IT, YOU NEVER FOUND OUT WHY. BUT HE DID.
11 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY ASKED THE GENTLEMAN. THE GENTLEMAN
12 RESPONDED SAYING WE SHOWED THE CONTRACT TO COUNTY COUNSEL AND
13 NOW YOU'RE SUING BUT YOU KNEW ABOUT THE CONTRACT IN THE FIRST
14 PLACE. GENERATING BILLABLE HOURS.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT MOTION
17 AND SECOND, WITH THE NOTED ABSTENTION, SO BE THE ORDER. THANK
18 YOU. ALL RIGHT. IT IS 11 O'CLOCK. OKAY, I'M GOING TO -- HERE'S
19 THE PROCESS. IF WE COULD HAVE ON THE SIDES, PLEASE? STAFF?
20 SHERIFF, CAN YOU SORT OF KEEP IT DOWN IN THE AUDIENCE SO WE
21 WANT THIS PRESENTATION SO THAT EVERYONE CAN HEAR. WE'RE GOING
22 TO ASK THE B.R.C. TO GIVE A VERY BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THEIR
23 REPORT. THEN WE'LL OPEN IT UP FOR QUESTIONS OF THE B.R.C. BY
24 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AS WELL AS QUESTIONS FOR THE C.E.O. AT
25 THAT POINT. AT THAT POINT, MEMBERS, YOU CAN ALSO CALL UP ANY

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1 MOTIONS OR DISCUSS, ALTHOUGH SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION IS ON
2 THE AGENDA AS WELL AS MY MOTION'S ON THE AGENDA. ANY MOTIONS
3 OUTSIDE OF THAT CAN BE BROUGHT UP AT THAT TIME SO THE PUBLIC
4 WOULD HAVE THE TIME TO COMMENT ON ANY ADDITIONAL MOTIONS
5 BEFORE US. SO IF I COULD HAVE THE B.R.C. GIVE THEIR BRIEF
6 SYNOPSIS. AND FROM THERE WE WILL BEGIN. ALL RIGHT. WHO IS
7 GOING TO BE THE PRESENTER? THE CHAIRMAN?

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9 **DAVID SANDERS:** YES, THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. I'M DAVID SANDERS,
10 THE CHAIR OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, AND ON BEHALF OF THE
11 COMMISSION, I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
12 OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE INPUT ON A CRITICAL COUNTY
13 RESPONSIBILITY. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE
14 TODAY AND THOSE WHO TESTIFIED. WE'RE GRATIFIED AND HUMBLLED BY
15 THE OVERWHELMINGLY POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM THOSE INVOLVED IN
16 THE SYSTEM AND THOSE WHO DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO IMPROVING
17 AND ADVOCATING FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN. WE WANT TO THANK THE
18 SOCIAL WORKERS, FOSTER PARENTS, KIN CAREGIVERS, YOUTH AND
19 CHILDREN WHO ARE SO COMMITTED TO KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE. AND
20 THEN, FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO PERSONALLY THANK MY FELLOW
21 COMMISSIONERS AND THE COMMISSION STAFF FOR THEIR DEDICATION.
22 WE HAVE COMMISSIONER FLYNN, COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ,
23 COMMISSIONER FRIEDMAN, COMMISSIONER GILBERT-LURIE,
24 COMMISSIONER HOLT, COMMISSIONER RICH, AND COMMISSIONER SCOTT.
25 AND COMMISSIONERS TEVRIZIAN AND TEAGUE ARE UNABLE TO BE HERE.

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1 YOU HAVE OUR REPORT AND HAVE HEARD OUR PREVIOUS TESTIMONY. OUR
2 REPORT FOCUSES NOT ONLY ON WHAT TO DO TO IMPROVE SAFETY FOR
3 CHILDREN BUT ALSO HOW TO DO IT. WE BELIEVE BOTH COMPONENTS ARE
4 VITAL, AND WE ARE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. I'M GOING TO
5 TURN IT OVER TO CO-CHAIR, CO-VICE CHAIR, LESLIE GILBERT-LURIE.

6

7 **LESLIE GILBERT-LURIE:** GOOD MORNING. AT THE REQUEST OF THE
8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION SPENT EIGHT
9 MONTHS COMPREHENSIVELY STUDYING OUR COUNTY'S CHILD PROTECTION
10 SYSTEM. WE LISTENED TO HUNDREDS OF WITNESSES, ADVOCATES AND
11 EXPERTS AND READ RELEVANT STUDIES AND FORENSIC ASSESSMENTS IN
12 ORDER TO DETERMINE HOW THE CHILDREN OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
13 COULD BE SAFER. WE KNOW THEY CAN BE. OTHER COMMUNITIES HAVE
14 TURNED AROUND SYSTEMS THAT ARE JUST AS BROKEN. OUR
15 RECOMMENDATIONS ARE DOABLE. YOU EACH APPOINTED DEDICATED,
16 TALENTED, KNOWLEDGEABLE -- ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES WANTS ME TO
17 ADD BRILLIANT -- INDIVIDUALS. WE SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS. AND WE
18 DEVELOPED A REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN WIDELY
19 PRAISED BY CHILD WELFARE EXPERTS AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE,
20 BY THOSE WHO KNOW AND USE THE SYSTEM. THERE IS STRONG
21 AGREEMENT ON THE VAST MAJORITY OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS. AS OUR
22 CHAIRMAN JUST MENTIONED, WE NOT ONLY SPECIFIED WHAT NEEDS TO
23 BE DONE, BUT WE RECOMMENDED HOW TO GET IT DONE. IT'S CRITICAL
24 THAT OUR REPORT BE VIEWED BY YOU HOLISTICALLY. IF IT IS PULLED
25 APART AND IMPLEMENTED PIECEMEAL, WE PREDICT, IN SHORT ORDER,

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1 YOU WILL BE APPOINTING YET ANOTHER COMMISSION. AND IT WON'T BE
2 US. BECAUSE WE'VE ALREADY THOUGHT ABOUT THESE ISSUES. WE
3 URGENTLY NEED SUSTAINED IMPROVEMENTS WHICH WILL NOT BE IN
4 PLACE IF THIS IS PULLED APART PIECEMEAL. AS YOU KNOW, OUR
5 COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THAT YOU ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT
6 OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WELL-BEING OF
7 THE CHILD AS A WHOLE. THE EXPERIENCED DIRECTOR OF THIS OFFICE
8 WOULD ASSIST THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, NOT
9 DISMANTLE THEM, BUT ASSIST THEM IN WORKING COOPERATIVELY,
10 LEVERAGING RESOURCES AND CUTTING THROUGH BUREAUCRACY IN ORDER
11 TO BENEFIT THE COUNTY'S YOUNGEST AND MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS
12 WHO AT PRESENT TOO OFTEN ARE SLIPPING THROUGH THE CRACKS. THE
13 COMMISSION FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT A TRANSITION TEAM BE
14 ESTABLISHED TO HELP INSTITUTE THESE CHANGES. THE
15 RECOMMENDATIONS, WE HOPE, DO NOT GET BOGGED DOWN TODAY IN
16 QUESTIONS OVER THE PRECISE SIZE OF THE TEAM OR ITS SPECIFIC
17 COMPOSITION. WHAT MATTERS IS THAT THE GROUP BE SMALL ENOUGH TO
18 BE FACILE AND EFFECTIVE AND THAT IT BE COMPRISED OF WELL-
19 RESPECTED INDIVIDUALS WITH WISDOM IN A VARIETY OF EXPERTISE
20 AND EXPERIENCES. MANY OF THE REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS WILL
21 NEED FURTHER REFINEMENT. BY A TRANSITION TEAM. OR AS THEY'RE
22 IMPLEMENTED. WE STUDIED THE ISSUES THOROUGHLY. SOME OF OUR
23 COMMISSION MEMBERS HAVE SPENT CAREERS STUDYING THE ISSUES
24 RAISED IN THIS REPORT. IT DOES NOT SEEM POSSIBLE, WITH ALL DUE
25 RESPECT, THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO REACH A CONSENSUS TO WORK

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1 OUT A BETTER PLAN UP HERE TODAY. WE HOPE THAT TODAY YOU
2 ENDORSE OUR REPORT AND THE STRUCTURE WE BELIEVE IS NECESSARY
3 SO THAT THOSE WITH NECESSARY EXPERTISE CAN BEGIN THE REAL
4 PROCESS OF SUSTAINABLE REFORM. IF THE WILL EXISTS -- AND WE
5 KNOW THAT IT DOES -- WE ARE CERTAIN THAT THE COUNTY WILL
6 DEVOTE THE RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENTING OUR SUGGESTIONS. THANK
7 YOU AGAIN FOR GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER THIS MOST
8 IMPORTANT QUESTION. AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO ASK QUESTIONS.
9 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE. THANK YOU. ANYTHING ELSE?
12 QUESTIONS? I MEAN I'LL START. I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, I GUESS MY
13 REACTION TO THOSE COMMENTS AND TO THE REPORT IN GENERAL IS
14 THAT I AGREE WITH THE DIAGNOSIS, BUT I CERTAINLY DON'T AGREE
15 WITH THE CURE THAT'S BEING RECOMMENDED. AND I HAVE SOME STRONG
16 CONCERNS ABOUT CREATING MORE BUREAUCRACY. THE RECOMMENDATION
17 TO HAVE A 19-- YOU TOLD US WE SHOULDN'T DEBATE OVER THE
18 NUMBER. YOU CAN'T PICK A MENU FOR 19 PEOPLE LET ALONE FIND A
19 CURE FOR THE CHILDREN WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR. I WOULD JUST ASK
20 YOU, MR. SANDERS, AS A FORMER DIRECTOR OF OUR D.C.F.S., WOULD
21 YOU WANT TO REPORT TO AN OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES
22 TO A 19-MEMBER COMMISSION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO THE
23 200 OTHER COMMISSIONS THAT ARE IN CHARGE OF KIDS HERE IN THIS
24 COUNTY? YOUR REACTION TO THAT. I'M JUST CURIOUS.

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1 **DAVID SANDERS:** MR. CHAIR, A COUPLE OF COMMENTS I'D MAKE ABOUT
2 THE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND SPECIFICALLY MY REACTION. I THINK
3 THAT WHAT WE WERE LOOKING FOR IS STREAMLINING THE MULTIPLE
4 COMMISSIONS THAT ARE IN PLACE RIGHT NOW THAT ARE PROVIDING
5 ADVICE TO THE BOARD SPECIFICALLY AROUND ISSUES OF CHILD SAFETY
6 AND RECOMMENDING THAT DURING THE TRANSITION, THERE REALLY BE
7 ONE BODY TO DO THAT. AND THAT, I THINK, IS WHAT I WOULD HAVE
8 WANTED AS A DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR, TO NOT HAVE MULTIPLE BODIES
9 TO REPORT TO. I THINK, SECONDLY, THE STRUCTURE OF THE OFFICE
10 OF CHILD PROTECTION IS INTENDED TO ALIGN ACCOUNTABILITY WITH
11 THE RESOURCES AND THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES. AND AS A
12 DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR, I FEEL THAT'S THE PIECE THAT WOULD HAVE
13 BEEN IMPORTANT, TO BE ABLE TO SAY THAT NOT ONLY IS IT
14 IMPORTANT TO IMPROVE SAFETY, BUT THAT DEPARTMENTS ARE ALL
15 WORKING TOGETHER TO ACCOMPLISH THAT. SO THAT KIND OF STRUCTURE
16 WOULD HAVE BEEN A STRUCTURE THAT I WOULD HAVE SUPPORTED.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH IS DIFFERENT THAN THE
19 RECOMMENDATION. HOW ABOUT ALL THE LEGAL MANDATES AS IT RELATES
20 PARTICULARLY TO THE KATIE A. SETTLEMENT? WAS THAT TAKEN INTO
21 CONSIDERATION?

22

23 **DAVID SANDERS:** WE DID NOT LOOK AT THE LEGAL MANDATES FOR KATIE
24 A.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES, MIKE?

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DR. SANDERS, FOLLOWING UP ON THAT, THE BLUE
4 RIBBON COMMISSION ON CHILD PROTECTION DID SPEND HOURS AND
5 HOURS REVIEWING THESE MATERIALS AND LISTENING TO THE VARIOUS
6 PRESENTATIONS, AND I APPRECIATE MY REPRESENTATIVES I HAD
7 APPOINTED, JUDGE TEVRIZIAN AND DAN SCOTT FOR THEIR
8 PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER, THE EFFORTS THAT THEY HAD INITIATED
9 AND WAS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION TO EXPAND THE ROLE OF THE
10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, ENHANCING OVERSIGHT OVER THE
11 ALLEGATION OF CHILD ABUSE, THIS INCLUDES AN INCREASE IN
12 TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND
13 THOSE ARE RECOMMENDATIONS I FULLY SUPPORT AND WE HAVE A MOTION
14 THAT'S BEING INTRODUCED TO IMPLEMENT THOSE ENFORCEMENT
15 RECOMMENDATIONS. HOWEVER, THE REPORT INCLUDES RECOMMENDATIONS
16 FOR AN OVERSIGHT TEAM AND A NEW OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION AND
17 ANY NEW PREVENTION AND SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND
18 FAMILIES, BUT FOLLOWING UP ON WHAT SUPERVISOR KNABE WAS
19 MENTIONING, THIS ALSO ADDS ANOTHER LAYER OF BUREAUCRACY AND
20 FUNDING WHEN THE COUNTY NEARLY SPENDS AT THIS TIME NEARLY \$7
21 BILLION TO SUPPORT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. SO IT'S REDUNDANT
22 WITH THE ACTIVITIES AND COUNTLESS RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDING
23 WHEN WE ALREADY HAVE AN EXISTING COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND
24 FAMILIES. AND THEY OUGHT TO BE THE LEAD IN THIS EFFORT. THE
25 PROBLEM IS NOT DUE TO A LACK OF SERVICES; THE PROBLEM IS HOW

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1 WE EXERCISE THE RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE SO THAT THOSE RESOURCES
2 ARE GOING TO THE CHILDREN AND THOSE WHO ARE THE VICTIMS OF
3 ABUSE AND NOT NECESSARILY IN AN OVERBUREAUCRATIC, HIGHER
4 BUREAUCRACY. I WOULD RATHER HAVE THOSE RESOURCES BEING GEARED
5 DIRECTLY TO THOSE PROGRAMS. AND TO THAT END, I HAVE A MOTION
6 TO DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO RECONFIGURE AND RECONSTRUCT OUR
7 EXISTING SERVICE INTEGRATION BRANCH SO THAT IT ACCOMPLISHES
8 THOSE GOALS; NAMELY, TO INTEGRATE SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEMS
9 AMONG THE MULTIPLE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, COORDINATING POLICY
10 INITIATIVES AND MANAGING AND EVALUATING THE DATA. THE SECOND
11 MOTION WOULD ASK THE COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN FAMILIES TO WORK
12 WITH THE NEWLY- CONFIGURED SERVICE INTEGRATION BRANCH AND ANY
13 NEWLY-CREATED IMPLEMENTATION OR OVERSIGHT TEAMS, REVIEWING
14 THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS TO STRENGTHEN OUR CHILD WELFARE AND
15 SAFETY IN THE COUNTY. IN ADDITION, THE REPORT HAD FAILED TO
16 MENTION TWO VERY SIGNIFICANT AREAS OF CONCERN. THE FIRST, THE
17 EXISTING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SOCIAL WORKERS
18 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES THAT
19 SEVERELY LIMITS -- AND YOU KNOW AS A FORMER DIRECTOR, DR.
20 SANDERS -- LIMITS THE DISCIPLINE AND TERMINATION FOR POOR
21 PERFORMANCE AND PROVIDES LENIENT TRANSFER POLICIES WHICH
22 IMPACTS ADEQUATE STAFFING AT OFFICES THAT ARE MOST IMPACTED
23 REQUIRE IF THEY'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE OF
24 ABUSED CHILDREN. IT ALSO FAILED TO MENTION THE ROLE OF JUDGES
25 AND COURT COMMISSIONERS WHO OFTEN IMPEDE THE WORK OF SOCIAL

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1 WORKERS AND OVERRIDE RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH SOMETIMES LEAD TO
2 TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCES FOR CHILDREN BY TAKING CHILDREN OUT OF A
3 LOVING FOSTER HOME AND RETURNING THEM TO A DYSFUNCTIONAL
4 FAMILY WHO ENDS UP AT TIMES HAVING THAT CHILD BECOME A VITAL
5 STATISTIC, THE CHILD LOSES ITS LIFE. SO I WOULD LIKE TO ASK
6 THAT THE COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES REVIEW THESE TWO
7 ISSUES, PROVIDING A REPORT TO THE BOARD WITH SUGGESTIONS ON
8 HOW WE WOULD ADDRESS THESE PROBLEMS.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO THAT'S ON THE TABLE. SUPERVISOR
11 MOLINA?

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. FIRST OF ALL AS I DID
14 THE LAST TIME, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE COMMISSION. WHEN I
15 READ THE REPORT, I THOUGHT IT WAS AN UNBELIEVABLE REPORT. I
16 FROM TIME TO TIME WOULD TUNE IN ON THE TESTIMONY. I KNOW THAT
17 YOU SPENT MANY AN HOUR LISTENING TO MANY OF THE STAKEHOLDERS
18 ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE PROCESS. SO I APPRECIATE HOW
19 COMPREHENSIVE IT WAS. I APPRECIATED THE URGENCY THAT YOU ARE
20 ASKING US TO TAKE ON. AND I APPRECIATED ALL OF THE EFFORT. I
21 KNOW IT WAS A LOT OF HOURS. AND I CONGRATULATE YOU AND I THANK
22 YOU. ON THIS SIDE OF THE TABLE, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT EACH
23 OF MY COLLEAGUES HERE HAVE BROUGHT MOTION AFTER MOTION, HAVE
24 EXPRESSED DISMAY ON A REGULAR BASIS, AND WE ARE ALWAYS TRYING
25 TO FIND THOSE WAYS TO IMPROVE CHILD SAFETY. AND WE'VE HAD

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1 VARIOUS INITIATIVES IN THE AREAS OF EDUCATION AND HOMELESS
2 PREVENTION. WE HAVE HAD IN HEALTH SERVICES. AND OF COURSE MOST
3 RECENTLY IN THE EDUCATION AND THE OUTREACH EFFORTS FOR THE
4 PREVENTION OF COMMERCIALLY AND SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN. SO
5 WE HAVE DONE AN AWFUL LOT OF WORK. BUT VERY FRANKLY, IT WAS
6 THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION THAT I THINK CLEARLY POINTED TO A
7 PATHWAY THAT THIS BOARD SHOULD QUICKLY EMBRACE AND BEGIN
8 UNDERTAKING. AND SO THE ONLY WAY WE CAN DO THAT IS BY
9 COLLECTIVELY WE NEED TO REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO CHILD
10 SAFETY EVERY SINGLE DAY. WE HAVE WORKED VERY HARD IN
11 ESTABLISHING A VISION FOR PROTECTING CHILDREN. BUT WE FACE
12 CHALLENGES. WE KNOW THAT. IN CREATING AN INTEGRATED NETWORK
13 AND A SHARED COMMITMENT AND A VISION AMONG ALL THE COUNTY
14 DEPARTMENTS THAT IMPACT CHILDREN. THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
15 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION FOR CHILD PROTECTION PROVIDE US WITH A
16 VERY, VERY CLEAR ROAD MAP FOR CREATING AN EFFECTIVE CHILD
17 SAFETY SYSTEM. THE RECOMMENDATIONS, WHILE SOME SAY ARE NOT, I
18 THINK THEY'RE ALL FEASIBLE. THEY'RE PRACTICAL AND, MORE
19 IMPORTANTLY, WE KNOW THAT THEY'RE GOING TO IMPROVE CHILD
20 SAFETY HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE RECOMMENDATIONS LAY OUT
21 A PLAN FOR REFORM OF THE COUNTY'S CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM THAT
22 BRINGS TOGETHER ALL OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT TOUCH A
23 CHILD. NOT JUST BECAUSE IT BELONGS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. THE TRANSITION TEAM, INDEPENDENT
25 FROM THE COUNTY, IS THE MECHANISM THAT'S GOING TO LEAD US TO

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1 BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS RESULTING IN
2 HOPEFULLY MUCH NEEDED REFORM. IT PROVIDES THE COUNTY WITH AN
3 OPPORTUNITY TO BREAK DOWN SILOS, FOSTERING COLLABORATION AMONG
4 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, TO WORK IN UNISON IN THE BEST INTEREST AND
5 THE MOST VULNERABLE OF OUR CHILDREN. THE TRANSITION TEAM MUST
6 BE INDEPENDENT SO THAT IT CAN, QUOTE, "THINK ON ITS OWN." PART
7 OF WHY IT HAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN OUR EFFORTS FOR CREATING
8 A SHARED VISION FOR PROTECTING CHILDREN IS BECAUSE WE ON THIS
9 SIDE OF THE TABLE OFTEN TRY AND IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS,
10 PROGRAMS AND POLICIES WITHIN THE EXISTING COUNTY FRAMEWORK. WE
11 TRY AND FIT RECOMMENDATIONS INTO AN EXISTING COUNTY MODEL. AND
12 WHAT THAT DOES, IT LEAVES LITTLE OR NO SPACE FOR CREATIVITY OR
13 IMPROVEMENT. WE NEED TO BE INNOVATIVE. WE NEED TO TRINEW
14 APPROACHES, NEW WAYS OF DOING BUSINESS IN THE COUNTY; IT'S
15 SOMETHING THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT, HOW WE ARE GOING TO DEAL WITH
16 CHILDREN IN THE FUTURE. WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE C.E.O. AND
17 OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, THE TRANSITION TEAM WILL PRIORITIZE
18 IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS. THE
19 RECOMMENDATIONS WE KNOW WILL NEED TO BE FINE-TUNED. WE NEED TO
20 FIND OUT WHAT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY, WHAT THE SHORT-
21 TERM AND WHAT'S GOING TO TAKE LONGER. AND WE KNOW THAT SOME
22 TWEAKING IS GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE PLACE ALONG THE WAY. BUT WE
23 DO NEED TO START NOW. THE CALL TO URGENCY, I THINK, WAS AN
24 IMPORTANT ONE. AND SO THE TRANSITION TEAM IS A VEHICLE TO GET
25 US MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. THE CREATION OF AN

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1 INDEPENDENT ENTITY, THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION, IS GOING
2 TO SERVE AS A UNIFIED COORDINATING ENTITY FOR CHILD PROTECTION
3 SERVICES IN THE COUNTY. IT'S GOING TO BE TRANSPARENT. IT'S
4 GOING TO ALIGN THE RESOURCES BY BRINGING COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO
5 THE TABLE TO DIALOGUE AND CUTTING THROUGH ALL THE BUREAUCRATIC
6 BARRIERS THAT WE HAVE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE KNOW THAT OUR
7 CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM IS IN CRISIS. THE OFFICE OF CHILD
8 PROTECTION IS GOING TO HELP US BUILD THE CAPACITY WHILE WE
9 HEAL AND GROW INTERNALLY. YOU KNOW, IT'S BEEN ONE YEAR THIS
10 MONTH THAT WE CREATED THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION FOR CHILD
11 PROTECTION. AND VERY CLEARLY AS THEY TOLD US, WE CAN'T WAIT
12 ANY LONGER. WE MUST ACT NOW. THERE WILL BE A CHANGE IN
13 DYNAMICS, WE ALL KNOW, IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS. BUT I KNOW THAT
14 ALONG WITH MY COLLEAGUE, ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, WE'RE NOT DONE IN
15 THIS AREA. WE'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE A BACK SEAT. WE HAVE TO SET
16 THE TABLE. AND WE HAVE TO DO IT NOW. FOR OVER 23 YEARS, I'VE
17 WORKED HARD TO IMPROVE CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, AND YET I
18 KNOW THERE IS SO MUCH WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. AND SO I'M
19 GOING TO CONTINUE TO BE RELENTLESS. AND I KNOW THE B.R.C.
20 MEMBERS ARE ALSO GOING TO BE RELENTLESS IN TRYING TO PURSUE AN
21 INDEPENDENT VOICE ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN, SOMEONE THAT IS GOING
22 TO BE THERE FOR CHILDREN EVERY SINGLE DAY AND IS GOING TO
23 THINK A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY INSTEAD OF TRYING TO ALIGN
24 EVERYTHING UP AS BUSINESS AS USUAL AND FOLLOWING THE STATUS
25 QUO. REALLY, IT IS QUITE A MANDATE THAT WE HAVE A DUTY AND

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1 RESPONSIBILITY AND THAT'S THE CHILDREN OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
2 MY MOTION IS BEFORE YOU. I HOPE IT WILL PASS AS WAS WRITTEN.
3 WE PUT A LOT OF THOUGHT INTO IT. TO REALLY CREATE WHAT WE
4 THINK IS ESSENTIAL, A STRONG, INDEPENDENT VOICE THAT DOESN'T
5 WORK WITHIN THE PARAMETERS OF BUREAUCRACY BUT IT WORKS IN THE
6 BEST INTEREST OF EVERY SINGLE CHILD IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'M GOING TO PUT FORWARD AN
9 AMENDMENT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AMENDMENT TO WHICH OF THE FOUR MOTIONS?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE HAVE TWO MOTIONS. IT WILL BE AN
14 AMENDMENT.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE A RECOMMENDATION WE HAVE
17 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION AND MY MOTION.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MIKE'S AMENDMENT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THIS WOULD BE AN AMENDMENT TO
24 WHICHEVER MOTION IS GOING TO GARNER THE MAJORITY, I GUESS. FOR

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1 THE SAKE OF DISCUSSION, WHAT IS THE FIRST ITEM THAT'S GOING TO
2 BE BEFORE US?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I SO MOVE MY ITEM, THEN.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M GOING TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO YOUR
7 MOTION. WE CAN ALWAYS SYNTHESIZE ALL OF THIS IN THE
8 DISCUSSION. I JUST WANT TO GET THIS OUT ON THE TABLE, OKAY? I
9 AM, FIRST OF ALL, LET ME THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE BLUE RIBBON
10 COMMISSION FOR THE WORK THEY'VE DONE ON THIS. I HAD A CHANCE
11 TO, AFTER THE LAST MEETING, TO GO THROUGH THE WHOLE REPORT IN
12 DETAIL. I THINK IT'S WORTH A SHOT. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S GOING
13 TO WORK, BUT OBVIOUSLY NOT EVERYTHING WE'VE DONE IN THE PAST
14 HAS WORKED, AND THERE'S NO HARM IF WE DO IT PRUDENTLY IN
15 TRYING TO FIND OUT ANOTHER WAY AT THIS PROBLEM. I THINK MUCH
16 OF WHAT'S IN THAT REPORT IS A SIGNIFICANT ADVANCE IN THAT
17 REGARD. SO I'M GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE OF IT. AND PARTICULARLY
18 SUPPORTIVE OF THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION BECAUSE THAT
19 ADDRESSES ONE ISSUE WHICH WE HAVE NEVER REALLY SOUGHT TO
20 ADDRESS BEFORE, WHICH IS HOW DO WE SYNTHESIZE AND INTEGRATE
21 ALL OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES WITHIN OUR COUNTY
22 JURISDICTION THAT HAVE SOME DEALINGS WITH CHILDREN AND
23 CHILDREN WHO ARE ON THE MARGINS OF OUR SOCIETY WHO ARE IN OUR
24 FOSTER CARE SYSTEM AND THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM IN ONE WAY OR
25 ANOTHER? WE DO NOT HAVE THAT CURRENTLY. WE'VE NEVER HAD THAT.

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1 WE ALL WORK IN OUR SILOS. DESPITE THE BEST EFFORTS OF THE
2 PEOPLE SUCH AS DR. SANDERS WHEN HE WAS HERE FOR SEVERAL YEARS.
3 NO MATTER HOW HARD HE TRIED TO HORIZONTALIZE THE SYSTEM, IT
4 REMAINS -- THE INERTIA IS SO STRONG, THE FORCE OF VERTICAL
5 GRAVITY IS SO STRONG THAT YOU COULD JUST NEVER BREAK OUT OF
6 THAT SYSTEM. SO I THINK THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION IS
7 WORTH A TRY. I DON'T KNOW THAT IT'LL WORK. I'M NOT SURE IT
8 WILL BE STRONG ENOUGH EVEN AS CONSTITUTED TO COUNTERACT THAT
9 FORCE OF GRAVITY, IF YOU WILL, BUT IT'S WORTH A TRY. AND IT
10 COSTS US VERY LITTLE TO TRY IT AND THERE COULD BE SOME HUGE
11 BENEFITS IF IT SUCCEEDS. I BELIEVE WE NEED TO MOVE ON THAT NOW
12 WHILE THE TRANSITION TEAM, HOWEVER IT'S GOING TO BE
13 STRUCTURED, IS DOING ITS WORK IN TRANSITIONING. I THINK WE
14 HAVE TO SIMULTANEOUSLY BEGIN THE SEARCH FOR THE PERSON WHO
15 WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF THAT OFFICE. IT'S GOING TO TAKE US A
16 LONG TIME TO DO THE SEARCH AND TO GET THE RIGHT PERSON. SO WE
17 MIGHT AS WELL DO IT NOW. AND THAT SEARCH OUGHT TO BE DIRECTED
18 NOT BY THE TRANSITION TEAM BUT BY THE BOARD, IN CONJUNCTION
19 WITH THE TRANSITION TEAM. NOT TO CUT THEM OUT OF THE PROCESS.
20 I THINK THE TRANSITION TEAM WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO US IN A
21 NUMBER OF WAYS. BUT I THINK IT NEEDS TO BE DRIVEN BY US, THE
22 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, AND THE BOARD'S EXECUTIVE
23 OFFICE. SO I'M GOING TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING MOTION, WHICH HAS
24 SEVERAL ITEMS IN IT, SOME OF WHICH I THINK ARE IMPLICIT IN THE
25 B.R.C. REPORT AND IN SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION, BUT I JUST

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1 WANTED TO STATE IT. SO I MOVE THAT, 1, THE BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION AS A
3 SEPARATE ENTITY THAT REPORTS DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS. THE O.C.P. WILL BE HOUSED WITHIN THE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS EXECUTIVE OFFICE. 2, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
6 IMMEDIATELY UNDERTAKE AN EXECUTIVE SEARCH FOR THE DIRECTOR OF
7 THE O.C.P., TRANSITION TEAM SHOULD WORK WITH THE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS TO PROVIDE INPUT AS TO JOB DESCRIPTION, DESIRED
9 QUALITIES AND EXPERIENCE TO THE DIRECTOR OF O.C.P. THE BOARD
10 OF SUPERVISORS WILL INTERVIEW CANDIDATES AND SELECT THE
11 DIRECTOR OF O.C.P. THE TRANSITION TEAM, THIS IS NO. 3, THE
12 TRANSITION TEAM BE REQUESTED TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
13 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS TO THE SIZE AND SCOPE OF THE O.C.P.;
14 THAT IS, THE OFFICE OF THE O.C.P., WITH THE FINAL
15 DETERMINATION TO BE MADE BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND,
16 FOUR, ONCE ESTABLISHED, THE O.C.P. WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
17 CREATING A COUNTY-WIDE CHILD SAFETY STRATEGIC PLAN AND
18 COORDINATING ALL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INTEGRATION OF SERVICES
19 BETWEEN AND AMONGST ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. O.C.P. WILL BE
20 RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESENTING STAFFING, FUNDING AND ANY
21 RECOMMENDATIONS TO ACCOMPLISH ITS GOALS OF INTEGRATION
22 DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO BE
23 INCLUDED IN THE NEW COUNTYWIDE CHILD SAFETY STRATEGIC PLAN
24 SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
25 FAMILY SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF

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1 PUBLIC HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
2 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, COMMUNITY SENIOR SERVICES, PROBATION
3 DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, COMMUNITY
4 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND HOUSING AUTHORITY, SHERIFF'S
5 DEPARTMENT, THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE LOS
6 ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, THE OFFICE OF COUNTY
7 COUNSEL AND DEPARTMENT OF AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. VARIOUS REPORTS
8 AND VARIOUS MOTIONS HAVE ALL MENTIONED SOME OF THESE, BUT
9 NOWHERE HAVE ALL OF THEM BEEN IN ONE LIST. I THINK ALL OF THEM
10 HAVE THEIR TENTACLES INTO THIS SYSTEM IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER
11 AND THEY OUGHT TO BE PART OF THE RESOURCE THAT THE TRANSITION
12 TEAM USES AS THEY MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO US. AND, FINALLY,
13 PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION
14 RECOMMENDATIONS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE WILL WORK WITH ALL
15 RELEVANT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, THE TRANSITION TEAM AND OR THE
16 O.C.P. TO DETERMINE THE COST OF IMPLEMENTATION AND IDENTIFY A
17 SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR THE BILLIONS APPROVAL AND EXECUTION. SO
18 THERE ARE A LOT, TO SAY WE'RE GOING TO APPROVE THE WHOLE PLAN
19 IS GREAT; I ASKED LAST TIME WHEN WE HAD THIS A COUPLE OF
20 MONTHS AGO FOR THE C.E.O. TO PROVIDE US WITH A DETAILED COST
21 ASSESSMENT OF WHAT THIS WOULD ENTAIL FINANCIALLY. TO BE HONEST
22 WITH YOU, I AM NOT SATISFIED WITH WHAT WE'VE GOTTEN. I'M NOT
23 SATISFIED THAT WE GOT IT LATE LAST WEEK AND ONLY WHEN I ASKED
24 FOR IT. AND IT WAS IN MY OPINION WOEFULLY UNRESPONSIVE TO WHAT
25 WE WANTED. SO I'M NOT HAVING A PROBLEM IN PRINCIPLE WITH

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1 APPROVING THE B.R.C. RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT I AM CERTAINLY NOT
2 PREPARED TODAY, NOR CAN I IMAGINE HOW ANY OF US WOULD BE, TO
3 WRITE A BLANK CHECK ON THIS. WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT EACH OF
4 THESE RECOMMENDATIONS COST, WHETHER THOSE COSTS ARE CREDIBLE,
5 AND IF THEY ARE CREDIBLE, WHERE WE GET THE FUNDS TO DO IT. AND
6 IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE ADDITIONAL FUNDS. THERE
7 COULD BE OTHER SAVINGS THAT COULD BE GENERATED WITHIN THE
8 DEPARTMENT OR DEPARTMENTS THAT WOULD -- OUR GOAL SHOULD BE TO
9 HAVE THIS A ZERO-SUM GAME. IT MAY NOT BE REALISTIC TO DO THAT
10 BUT CERTAINLY IT SHOULD NOT BE A BLANK CHECK FOR WHATEVER THE
11 REPORT SAYS. I DON'T THINK THE COMMISSION REALLY UNDERTOOK AN
12 ANALYSIS OF THE FINANCES. THEY WERE JUST LOOKING AT THE POLICY
13 ASPECTS OF IT, WHICH IS FINE. THAT WAS YOUR JOB. WE'RE THE
14 ONES WHO HAVE TO PAY IT, PAY FOR IT. AND WE NEED TO FIND OUT
15 (AUDIO CUTS OUT).

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WOULDN'T DO THAT, SIR. I WAS LOOKING
20 FOR THE BUTTON, THOUGH. NO JUST KIDDING.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ME, I WOULD HAVE DONE IT
23 EARLIER.

24

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SNOWDEN MUST BE RIGHT. YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING
2 ANYMORE WITHOUT BIG BROTHER OVER HERE. ANYWAY, JUST TO WRAP
3 UP, WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT THE FINANCIAL COSTS ARE FOR EACH OF
4 THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. AND IF THERE ARE FINANCIAL COSTS, WE
5 SIMPLY NEED TO HAVE THEM BROUGHT TO US FOR APPROVAL AND FOR
6 ANALYSIS. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT THE C.E.O. WOULD DO A MORE
7 RIGOROUS ANALYSIS THAT HAS BEEN DONE UP UNTIL NOW ON WHAT IS
8 INVOLVED AND MAYBE IT WILL BE A LITTLE EASIER TO DO THAT AS
9 THE TRANSITION TEAM DEVELOPS MORE MEAT ON THE BONES OF THIS
10 REPORT SO WE KNOW WHAT EXACTLY WE'RE BUYING INTO. SO THOSE ARE
11 MY SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS. I THINK THEY'RE NOT FUNDAMENTALLY AT
12 VARIANCE WITH ANYTHING. IT'S JUST REALLY TO -- I THINK IF
13 WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT, AND I'M REALLY FOCUSED ON THE O.C.P. IF
14 WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT HIRING AN O.C.P., THEN WE NEED TO GET
15 STARTED NOW AND DO IT NOT SEQUENTIALLY BUT SIMULTANEOUSLY SO
16 THAT WE CAN HIT THE GROUND RUNNING SOONER RATHER THAN LATER
17 OTHERWISE THIS RUNS THE RISK OF BECOMING ANOTHER LAYER OF
18 RUMINATION AND DEBATE THAT WILL HAVE A HARDER TIME GETTING US
19 ANYWHERE. I THINK THE O.C.P. IS THE ONE ELEMENT OF THIS REPORT
20 THAT DIFFERS FROM ALL THE OTHER REPORTS WE'VE EVER HAD, AND IT
21 CAN BE THE ENGINE THAT HELPS MAKE THIS WHOLE THING WORK. I
22 KNOW THAT'S THE IDEA OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION. IT'S
23 CERTAINLY MY HOPE. AND MY EXPECTATION THAT IF IT DOES WORK, IT
24 WILL WORK THAT WAY. THOSE ARE MY AMENDMENTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.
25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, BEFORE THAT,
2 THOUGH, ZEV, I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU WANT MORE FINANCIAL
3 ANALYSIS, BUT WHEN YOU HAVE FIVE, SIX DIFFERENT MOTIONS,
4 THAT'S GOING TO CHANGE THE DYNAMICS OF THE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS
5 DEPENDING UPON WHAT WE ULTIMATELY AGREE ON. OUR LAST
6 CONVERSATION WE HAD NO AGREEMENT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MY MOTION DOESN'T ADD ANY COSTS TO WHAT'S
9 ALREADY IN THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION REPORT. AS FAR AS I CAN
10 TELL THERE'S NOTHING IN HERE.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BUT YOU'VE REFINED IT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PARDON?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'VE REFINED IT. THE QUESTION IS
17 WHETHER YOU ADOPT PARTIAL? ALL? SO IT'S GOING TO BE A MOVING
18 TARGET ON THE FINANCIALS.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** UNDERSTOOD.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DON, IF WE ADOPT THE REPORT AS IS, THEN THE
25 LAST ITEM ON AMENDMENT IS TO ESSENTIALLY SAYS--

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOUR MOTION SAYS. I'M
3 JUST SAYING IT'S A MOVING TARGET.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE WANT TO SEE WHAT THE COSTS ARE AND HAVE
6 IT SUBJECT TO OUR APPROVAL BECAUSE DEPENDING ON WHAT THEY ARE,
7 WE ALL COLLECTIVELY, EVEN THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, MAY SAY
8 WELL, \$100 MILLION MAYBE IS TOO MUCH TO PAY FOR THIS. AND
9 MAYBE WE COULD DO IT A DIFFERENT WAY. WE JUST NEED TO PUT THAT
10 SO WE GET IT INTO CLEAR FOCUS.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S MY POINT.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THEN
17 SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. TODAY THE BOARD
20 OF SUPERVISORS HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS
21 OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, AND I TRUST THAT WE WILL DO SO.
22 THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE NOT MADE LIGHTLY. BUT THEY ARE THE
23 RESULT OF SEVERAL MONTHS OF HARD WORK, OF DILIGENT WORK, OF
24 SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS WHO HAVE BEEN ASSEMBLED. AND NOT ONLY
25 ARE THEY SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS ACROSS DISCIPLINES, BUT THEY

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1 ARE, IN FACT, PASSIONATE AND CONCERNED CITIZENS WHO WANT TO
2 SEE US MAKE PROGRESS. AND FOR THAT, I THINK IT IS WORTH
3 REITERATING THAT THIS BOARD AND THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY OWE
4 YOU A HUGE DEBT OF GRATITUDE. SO I JUST SIMPLY WANT TO THANK
5 EACH OF YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE AFFORDED US, WHICH IS AN
6 EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY, AND ALTHOUGH THE BOARD MAY VARY IN
7 ITS APPROACHES, THE ENTIRETY OF THIS BOARD ACKNOWLEDGES THE
8 CRITICAL NATURE AND IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUE AND THE VALUE THAT
9 THIS COMMISSION HAS BROUGHT TO IT. THE C.E.O. WAS ASKED TO
10 PROVIDE AN ANALYSIS ON HOW TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS
11 AND THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE HAS DONE AN ANALYSIS AND GIVES US A
12 WAY TO MOVE FORWARD THAT IS TO IMPLEMENT WHAT THE BLUE RIBBON
13 COMMISSION HAS SUGGESTED. AND I SIMPLY WANT TO SAY THAT I HOPE
14 THAT THE BOARD WILL REACH A CONSENSUS ON WHAT'S NEEDED TO
15 BRING CHANGE TO THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM HERE IN THE COUNTY OF
16 LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION. WE ARE MORALLY BOUND TO DO
17 SO. AND I THINK WE ARE POISED TO MAKE THAT STEP. THE BLUE
18 RIBBON COMMISSION HAS MADE IT CLEAR IN THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS
19 THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY WITH
20 RESPECT TO THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM. TODAY IS THE DAY TO ADOPT
21 THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS. COLLEAGUES, MR.
22 CHAIRMAN, TODAY IS THE DAY TO ACT. [APPLAUSE.] IT'S ALREADY
23 BEEN INDICATED --
24

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE. I'VE ASKED. NO APPLAUSE, PLEASE.
2 NO APPLAUSE.
3
4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE C.E.O. HAS ALREADY SET ASIDE
5 APPROXIMATELY \$18 MILLION FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH
6 IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS. IT'S A MATTER OF RECORD THAT
7 HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO US. THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE
8 MEDICAL HUBS, PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES, KINSHIP, IMPROVING
9 TECHNOLOGY AND DATA SHARING ARE ALMOST COMMONSENSE. AND
10 THERE'S MORE. SO I WOULD HOPE THAT WE WOULDN'T GET CAUGHT UP
11 IN THE QUAGMIRE OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION AND MISSED
12 THE OPPORTUNITY THAT WE HAVE TODAY TO ADOPT THESE
13 RECOMMENDATIONS. AND FOR THE MOST PART, THE MOTIONS INTRODUCED
14 AGREE ON THE ISSUE THAT THE COUNTY NEEDS TO ADDRESS BUT THEY
15 DISAGREE ON SOME GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES AND THE OVERSIGHT,
16 IMPLEMENTATION. BUT IN LARGE MEASURE, WE AGREE THAT MOVEMENT
17 IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY. SO NOW THAT WE HAVE THE BENEFIT OF
18 MORE INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS, I'D LIKE TO REFER THE ISSUE TO
19 A DISCUSSION THAT MIGHT HELP US MOVE FORWARD. AND I WISH TO
20 READ IN THE FOLLOWING MOTION. IT CHRONICLES THE FACT THAT WE
21 STARTED ON JUNE THE 25TH OF LAST YEAR, PASSING OR ADOPTING A
22 MOTION TO PUT THIS BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION IN PLACE. FAST
23 FORWARDING TO DECEMBER 30TH, WE THEN GOT OUR PRELIMINARY
24 REPORT AT WHICH TIME THE COMMISSION SAID THE MATTER IS URGENT
25 AND THERE WERE 10 PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS. FOLLOWED BY

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1 APRIL OF THIS YEAR THAT SET FORTH BY THE COMMISSION DETAILED
2 IN COMPREHENSIVE RECOMMENDATIONS. AND THEN REFERRED AGAIN TO
3 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE FOR CONSIDERATION. AND I THINK IT'S WORTH
4 NOTING THAT THE COMMISSION HAVING FULFILLED ITS MISSION, THE
5 BOARD NOW HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO THE SAME. SO LET ME JUST
6 SIMPLY SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING PIECES OF WHAT I WOULD HOPE COULD
7 BE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD. FIRST, ADOPT THE POLICY, PROGRAM AND
8 DATA TECHNOLOGY RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE FINAL REPORT FOR THE
9 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION FOR CHILD PROTECTION USING THE JUNE 10
10 C.E.O. MEMO AS A ROAD MAP. SECONDLY, TO ESTABLISH A MULTI-
11 DEPARTMENTAL TEAM RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING A COUNTY-WIDE
12 CHILD-CENTERED AND FAMILY-FOCUSED STRATEGIC PLAN THAT SHALL
13 INCLUDE THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS, D.C.F.S., D.H.S., D.M.H.,
14 D.P.H. AND SUPPORTED BY BOTH THE C.E.O. AND COUNTY COUNSEL.
15 AND THIS TEAM SHALL MEET AT LEAST MONTHLY STARTING JULY 1. NO
16 POINT IN DELAYING ANY FURTHER. START TWO WEEKS OR SO FROM NOW
17 AND GET BUSY AND PRIORITIZE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BLUE RIBBON
18 RECOMMENDATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, THE TEAM SHOULD PRIORITIZE OR
19 PHASE IN COUNTY-WIDE INITIATIVE FOR INFANTS. AND I MEAN EACH
20 DISTRICT ON THE RESPECTIVE MEDICAL CAMPUS. AND THAT WOULD BE
21 TO EVALUATE EVERY CHILD UNDER AGE 1 WHO IS TEMPORARILY
22 DETAINED IN A MEDICAL HUB AND HAVE A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE
23 ACCOMPANY A SOCIAL WORKER WHEN INVESTIGATING A CHILD ABUSE AND
24 NEGLECT REFERRAL FOR EVERY CHILD UNDER AGE 1. THE TEAM SHALL
25 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD EACH MONTH BEGINNING AUGUST 5 ON THE

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1 STATUS OF IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS THAT THE
2 CHAIR OF THE BOARD PLACE THE MATTER AS A SET ITEM ON THE
3 REGULARLY SCHEDULED AGENDA. FINALLY, UP TO THREE
4 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION WILL
5 PARTICIPATE IN THE WORKING GROUP AS MONITORS AND INCLUDE
6 PARTICIPATION FROM ENTITIES LIKE FIRST FIVE, THE COMMISSION OR
7 FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILY AND THE DEPENDENCY COURT. MR.
8 CHAIRMAN, THAT IS MY MOTION. I WISH FOR IT TO BE FACTORED INTO
9 THE OMNIBUS MOTION THAT IS DEVELOPING.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S ON THE TABLE. NOT TOO MUCH
12 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOURS AND MINE, BUT THAT'S GOOD. SUPERVISOR
13 MOLINA?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THEN SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, I WOULD HAVE APPRECIATED PROBABLY MR.
20 YAROSLAVSKY SHARING HIS MOTION WITH US BEFOREHAND. I'M OPPOSED
21 TO IT. LET ME TELL YOU WHY. I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH MAYBE
22 THE FIRST THREE ITEMS. BUT IT'S THIS NOT ABILITY TO LET GO.
23 ITEM NO. 4, YOU ARE NOW TELLING IT WHAT TO DO. AND THE ISSUE
24 THAT THIS BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION SAID TO US IS TO ALLOW FOR AN
25 INDEPENDENT REFORM OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL WITHDRAW ITEM NO. 4.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THAT WOULD BE BETTER. I DON'T HAVE A
5 PROBLEM NO. I THINK THAT'S HEALTHIER. BECAUSE WE NEED TO ALLOW
6 THE INDEPENDENCE TO OPERATE FIRST.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT SOMEBODY, IF I COULD JUST --

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOW, IN MY MOTION, I DID SAY THAT EVERYTHING
11 NEEDS TO BE FINE-TUNED, OKAY? I NEVER WROTE THEM A BLANK
12 CHECK. NOBODY WANTS TO GIVE ANYBODY A BLANK CHECK. I AM
13 HOPEFUL THAT THEY'RE GOING TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THEY ARE INDEPENDENT FROM EVERYONE
15 EXCEPT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IN OTHER WORDS, THEY HAVE TO
16 REFINE EVERYTHING THAT THEY DO THROUGH THE BOARD. SO IF IT
17 ISN'T CLEARLY STATED IN THE WAY IT WAS SET, I JUST DON'T THINK
18 THAT WE SHOULD BE TELLING THE TRANSITION TEAM OR THE OFFICE OF
19 CHILD PROTECTION WHAT TO DO. THAT'S BEEN A PROBLEM UP TO NOW.
20 WE WANT EVERYTHING THAT WE DO WITHIN THE WIDGETS THAT WE
21 OPERATE.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WITHDREW IT.

24

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. AND THAT'S THE SAME THING FOR
2 MARK'S MOTION, AS WELL. I THINK WHAT WE NEED TO DO -- NOW
3 THAT'S NOT SAYING THAT EVENTUALLY THERE'S GOING TO BE A
4 DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW AS HOW THE TRANSITION TEAM MAKES ITS
5 RECOMMENDATIONS OR HOW IT DECIDES TO PRIORITIZE, BUT EVERY
6 ASPECT OF HOW IT MOVES FORWARD, I THINK THE TRANSITION TEAM IS
7 THE IMPLEMENTER. AND LIKE ANYTHING ELSE, WHEN YOU HAVE A
8 CREATIVE FORCE THAT TALKS ABOUT REFORMS -- AND WE DID THIS. WE
9 DID THIS WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHEN WE ASKED FOR
10 REFORMS. WE ASKED PEOPLE TO GO AND INVESTIGATE WHAT WAS GOING
11 ON. THEY CAME BACK WITH A SERIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS. AND WE
12 WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE COSTS. AND THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH
13 HAVING THOSE CONCERNS. THAT'S THE DUTY THAT WE OWE. AND I
14 DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT ASPECT OF IT. BUT I DO THINK
15 THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, AND IF
16 WHEN YOU READ THROUGH THE REPORT, IT JUST SPEAKS BOLDLY TO YOU
17 ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE NEED TO FIND A WAY TO ALLOW FOR AN
18 INDEPENDENT VOICE TO STEP INTO THE DEBATE OF CHILD PROTECTION
19 SERVICES. WE HAVE A TENDENCY -- AND AGAIN IT'S NOT ALWAYS 5-0
20 AS TO HOW WE VOTE ON SOME OF IT. WE ALL HAVE FEELINGS ABOUT
21 SOME THINGS ARE GOING WELL, OR THAT WAS JUST, YOU KNOW, THAT
22 WASN'T SUPPOSED TODAY HAPPEN; BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, THIS
23 GROUP SPENT SO MANY MONTHS WORKING ON THIS, LISTENING TO
24 STAKEHOLDERS. I THINK IF YOU GO THROUGH IT ALL, THEY REALLY
25 DIDN'T SAY WE DISTRUST THE BOARD; THEY DIDN'T SAY WE HATE THE

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1 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES -- OF CHILD -- AGAIN OUR
2 CHILDREN SERVICES DEPARTMENT. WHAT THEY SAID WAS THINGS ARE
3 NOT GOING WELL. THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID. THEY SAID THINGS NEED
4 TO IMPROVE, THINGS NEED TO BE REFORMED. THAT'S WHY WHEN WE
5 TALK ABOUT THIS TRANSITION TEAM, WE TALK ABOUT BRINGING IN
6 PEOPLE WHO HOPEFULLY ARE GOING TO UNDERSTAND THEIR DUTY TO BE
7 INDEPENDENT. THAT'S A HUGE RESPONSIBILITY. SO CONSEQUENTLY
8 THEY'RE GOING TO PUT FORTH A SERIES AND LOOK AT IMPLEMENTING
9 THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF MAKING IT WORK
10 FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY. AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE BOARD IS
11 GOING TO MAKE A DETERMINATION. I MEAN, THEY DON'T GET TO SPEND
12 A DOLLAR. THEY CAN RECOMMEND, BUT THEY DON'T GET TO SPEND IT.
13 SO CONSEQUENTLY, IT'LL ALWAYS BE THE BOARD THAT MAKES THAT
14 DECISION. SO I'M JUST CONCERNED. AGAIN, I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM
15 WITH THE C.A.O. WE DID THIS WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
16 INVESTIGATE HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST. BUT WE DO KNOW THIS:
17 THE COST OF LOSING CHILDREN TODAY IS ENORMOUS. AND THE WORST
18 COST IS THAT WHEN IN FACT WE GET TAKEN OVER BY THE COURTS, AS
19 WE DID IN KATIE A. AND YOU LOOK AT THE COST OF SOMETHING SO
20 BASIC THAT EVERY SINGLE CHILD UNDER OUR JURISDICTION SHOULD
21 HAVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, A SIMPLICITY OF A STATEMENT, IT'S
22 COSTING US MILLIONS OF DOLLARS EVERY SINGLE YEAR. AND THE
23 WORST PART ABOUT KATIE A. IS WE'RE NOT EVEN ACHIEVING OUR
24 GOALS EVERY YEAR. AND THAT'S SHAMEFUL. AND THAT MIGHT BE ONE
25 OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THIS INDEPENDENT GROUP MIGHT

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1 REVIEW. BUT I JUST THINK WE START OFF ON A BAD TRACK BY
2 TELLING THEM WHAT TO DO TODAY. AGAIN, I WAS HOPING THE
3 TRANSITION TEAM WOULD BE INDEPENDENT IN ITS REVIEW OF BRINGING
4 IN THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION. BUT, AGAIN, THE
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YOU KNOW, AT THE END OF THE DAY, MAKES
6 THAT DECISION. SO I DON'T MIND PART OF IT. BUT I JUST THINK
7 ASKING THEM TO PUT IN -- FIRST THING YOU DO IS COME UP WITH A
8 STRATEGIC PLAN, IT GOES BACK TO THAT OLD WAY OF THE BOARD
9 TELLING THEM WHAT TO DO. LET'S LET THEM THINK. LET'S LET THEM
10 CREATE. LET'S LET THEM REFORM. LET THEM TELL US. AND THEN
11 THERE WILL BE THE DEBATE, THERE WILL BE THE DISCUSSION, THERE
12 WILL BE DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW. BUT LET'S NOT SADDLE THEM
13 YET WITH THE BUREAUCRACY OF THE COUNTY. LET'S LET THEM WORK
14 INDEPENDENTLY AS POSSIBLE.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE
17 INDEPENDENCE. THE PROBLEM I HAVE IS TO THE QUESTION I ASKED.
18 THEY DIDN'T EVEN TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE KATIE A. MANDATES
19 WE HAVE TO DEAL. THAT'S PART OF THE THOUGHT PROCESS. YOU CAN'T
20 WALK AWAY FROM IT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THEY'RE NOT WALKING AWAY.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THAT. I'M TALKING
25 ABOUT US.

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1

2 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE'RE NOT WALKING AWAY, EITHER. WE HAVE A COURT
3 THAT IS WATCHING US EVERY SINGLE DAY ON KATIE A.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND MR. CHAIRMAN, IT ISN'T TAKING ON EVERY SINGLE
8 DUTY. I THINK THAT AGAIN WHEN YOU HAVE AN INDEPENDENT
9 COMMISSION, THEY ARE ENTITLED TO ORGANIZE HOW THEY FEEL. YOU
10 LOOK AT THE KIND OF ISSUES, MENTAL HEALTH, IN MY POINT OF
11 VIEW, NEEDS A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION TO REVIEW WHAT IT'S
12 DOING. I HAVE LOTS OF ISSUES ABOUT THE FACT THAT --
13 [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE. WHEN IN DOUBT.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO KATIE A. IS AN OUTCOME OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE
18 NOT WATCHING WHAT'S GOING ON IN MENTAL HEALTH. BUT, AGAIN,
19 THEY'VE LOOKED AT CHILDREN'S DEATHS. THEY LOOKED AT HOW A
20 SYSTEM IS JUST NOT FUNCTIONING AND WORKING. YOU CAN'T SAY
21 THEY'RE HERE TO RESOLVE EVERYTHING. BUT I THINK EVENTUALLY AS
22 THEY CARRY OUT THEIR WORK, THEY'RE GOING TO COME ACROSS KATIE
23 A. THEY'RE GOING TO COME ACROSS US AND HOPEFULLY GIVE US SOME
24 IDEAS. BECAUSE RIGHT NOW THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO ARE WATCHING
25 KATIE A. VERY FRANKLY, ARE THE COURTS. AND THE WAY IT'S

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1 OPERATING IS WE'RE SPENDING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND WE'RE NOT
2 ACHIEVING THE GOALS UNDER KATIE A. ONE DAY THE COURT MIGHT
3 COME DOWN ON US AND SAY IT HAS TO BE REFORMED. SO, AGAIN,
4 MEMBERS, THE POINT OF MY MOTION -- AND EVEN WITH SUPERVISOR
5 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION, MY CONCERN IS LET'S NOT TELL THEM
6 WHAT TO DO NOW. LET THEM GO FORWARD. LET THEM START THE
7 TRANSITION TEAM. I KNOW THAT SOME PEOPLE THINK "OH, IT'S TOO
8 MUCH OF A BUREAUCRACY." NO. IT'S A CHANGE WE NEED TO COME
9 TOGETHER AND START WORKING ON THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. THEY'RE
10 GOING TO PRESENT THEM TO THE BOARD. THEY DON'T HAVE THE POWER
11 TO IMPLEMENT ANYTHING. THEY PRESENT IT TO THE BOARD AND
12 HOPEFULLY WE'LL HAVE THE COURAGE TO CONTINUE TO FUND THEM AND
13 TO MOVE THEM FORWARD. AND THEN ALLOW THE PROGRAMS TO BEGIN THE
14 PROCESS. AND WHEN WE IMPLEMENT THEM, WHICH IS WHY I HAVE A
15 PROBLEM WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION, IS THAT I
16 DON'T WANT IT TO BE A PILOT. LET'S MAKE IT WORK FOR EVERY
17 SINGLE CHILD ACROSS THE COUNTY. THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO DO. WE
18 NEED TO MAKE IT FUNCTION. NOT SAY "JUST HERE, LET'S TRY IT
19 HERE." WE NEED TO START MOVING FORWARD. THESE REFORMS REALLY
20 CAN'T WAIT. I AM HOPEFUL THAT MY COLLEAGUES WILL SET ASIDE
21 SOME OF THEIR FEELINGS AND SENTIMENTS. I KNOW THAT SOME OF YOU
22 THINK IT'S AN ATTACK ON DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES. I
23 DON'T THINK IT IS. I THINK IT'S A HELPING HAND. AND I HOPE
24 THAT YOU'LL LOOK AT IT THAT WAY. AND I THINK THE TRANSITION

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1 TEAM IS GOING TO GO A LONG WAY IN PROVIDING US A HELPING HAND
2 AND LEAD US TO REFORM.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR
5 COMMENTS? IF NOT, WE WILL GO TO PUBLIC COMMENTS.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MIKE?

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE TWO MOTIONS, MR. CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU HAVE ABOUT FIVE NOW, MIKE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT WOULD BE TO PROVIDE A REPORT WITH THE
16 BREAKDOWN OF THE NEARLY \$7 BILLION SPENT EACH YEAR TO SUPPORT
17 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. RESTRUCTURING AND
18 RECONFIGURING THE SERVICE INTEGRATION BRANCH TO ACCOMPLISH
19 USING EXISTING RESOURCES. THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF WHICH OF
20 WHEN IT WAS ADOPTED IN 2000 AND WORKING WITH THE DISTRICT
21 ATTORNEY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO IMPLEMENT THE
22 RECOMMENDATIONS USING FUNDS ALREADY ALLOCATED, WHERE POSSIBLE,
23 AS SET FORTH IN THE INTERIM BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION REPORT AND
24 DETAILED IN THE C.E.O. REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT. AND
25 THE OTHER ONE WOULD BE MOVE THAT THE COMMISSION OF CHILDREN

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1 FAMILIES REPLACE THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON ANY
2 IMPLEMENTATION OVERSIGHT TEAMS CREATED TO IMPLEMENT OR OVERSEE
3 THE RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO CHILD AND FAMILY WELFARE. THE
4 COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ENGAGE WITH THE NEWLY
5 CONFIGURED INTEGRATION BRANCH TO STRENGTHEN CHILD WELFARE AND
6 SAFETY IN THE COUNTY. I HAVE QUESTIONS FOR BILL AND BROWNING
7 BUT I CAN HOLD THOSE UNTIL WE HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. NO, GO AHEAD. SUPERVISOR
10 YAROSLAVSKY HAS ANOTHER QUESTION.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THE ONLY QUESTION I HAVE AS IT RELATES
13 TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRANSITION TEAM IN SUPERVISOR
14 MOLINA'S MOTION IS FIVE SUPERVISORS APPOINT EACH ONE MEMBER
15 AND THEN THERE ARE THREE MEMBERS OF THE B.R.C. HOW ARE THEY
16 GOING TO BE SELECTED? IS MY QUESTION GLORIA, DO YOU HAVE AN
17 IDEA ABOUT THAT?

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** ON THE TRANSITION TEAM?

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW DO THE B.R.C. REPRESENTATIVES ON THE
22 TRANSITION GROUP GET SELECTED?

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THEY'RE ADULT PEOPLE. THEY CAN MAKE
25 DECISIONS.

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1

2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE WOULD LEAVE IT UP TO THEM TO PICK.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** ABSOLUTELY. ARE.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU SHOULD SAY IT IN YOUR MOTION. THAT'S
7 FINE WITH ME.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** I SO SAY IT. BE ADULTS AND PICK GOOD PEOPLE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HOPEFULLY ALL THESE MULTIPLE MOTIONS AND
12 AMENDMENTS DURING THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING SOME FOLKS
13 CAN GET TOGETHER AND MAYBE COME UP WITH SOMETHING THAT
14 EVERYONE CAN AGREE WITH OR AT LEAST CONSOLIDATION INTO ONE
15 DOCUMENT THAT'S UNDERSTANDABLE BY EVERYONE. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE
16 A WHOLE BUNCH OF FOLKS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK. THANK YOU,
17 COMMISSION MEMBERS. I'M GOING TO ASK IF YOU'LL CLEAR THE AREA
18 BECAUSE I'M GOING TO CALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UP. WE'LL BE
19 HERE FOR A WHILE, IT'S OKAY. AS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, YOU
20 WILL BE ON TIMER, ONE MINUTE. YES. WE HAVE CLOSE TO 100 FOLKS
21 SIGNED UP. ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO CALL YOU UP IN SERIES OF
22 FOUR. MARAL, KARACCUSIAN. DR. MATTHEW HARRIS, WENDY GAREN.
23 ANDREW HEROD. YOU WILL BE THE FIRST FOUR. FOLLOWED BY BRUCE
24 RUBENSTEIN. LISA PION-BERLIN, GEORGIA THOMPSON, AND MICHAEL
25 GREEN. IF YOU WILL COME DOWN FRONT, YOU WILL BE THE NEXT FOUR.

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1 AND JUST IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD AND PROCEED WITH
2 YOUR TESTIMONY. NOT NECESSARILY IN THE ORDER I CALLED YOU.
3 WHOEVER GETS UP THERE FIRST. YES. GO AHEAD.

4

5 **WENDY GAREN:** THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. I'M WENDY GAREN
6 I'M THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE RALPH PARSONS FOUNDATION
7 AND I'M THE ELECTED CHAIR OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GRANT MAKERS.
8 THAT'S A VOLUNTEER POSITION. WE HAVE 170 GRANT MAKERS, PRIVATE
9 FOUNDATIONS, COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS. INDEPENDENT CORPORATIONS
10 WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PUBLIC GOOD. WE'RE STEPPING FORWARD
11 TODAY TO EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION.
12 AS GRANT MAKERS TO NUMEROUS COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS
13 SERVING FOSTER YOUTH AND FAMILIES AND AS FUNDERS OF RESEARCH
14 TO BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW THOSE IN FOSTER CARE CAN BE BETTER
15 SERVED, WE BELIEVE THAT THE CONCLUSIONS THAT THE COMMISSION
16 REACHED AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS THEY MAKE ARE WELL-GROUNDED
17 AND WILL HELP STRENGTHEN FOSTER CARE SERVICE IN OUR COMMUNITY.
18 WHILE WE CAN UNDERSTAND HOW ALL FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD MAY
19 NOT AGREE WITH THE MYRIAD RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED IN THE
20 COMMISSION'S ANALYSIS, WE HOPE YOU WILL SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY
21 TO UNIFY IN YOUR AGREEMENT THAT THIS WORK IS THOUGHTFUL,
22 EVIDENCE-BASED AND DESERVING OF ENDORSEMENT. THE COMMUNITY,
23 THE CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY HAVE NO VOICE AND RELY ON YOURS
24 TO INSURE THAT THEY RECEIVE THE PROTECTION TO WHICH THEY'RE
25 ENTITLED. THE ESSENTIAL POINT MADE IN THE COMMISSION'S REPORT

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1 IS CHILD SAFETY IS THE JOINT RESPONSIBILITY OF MULTIPLE COUNTY
2 AGENCIES.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WRAP YOUR COMMENTS UP.

5

6 **WENDY GAREN:** I'M HERE REPRESENTING 17 FOUNDATIONS. THE PARSONS
7 FOUNDATION, THE AHMANSON FOUNDATION, CALIFORNIA WELLNESS
8 FOUNDATION, LEONETTI O'CONNELL FAMILY FOUNDATION, WINEGART
9 FOUNDATION, CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS, DWIGHT STEWART YOUTH
10 FOUNDATION, LAWRENCE WELK FOUNDATION, CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY
11 FOUNDATION, CONRAD HILTON FOUNDATION, LIBERTY HILL, CALIFORNIA
12 ENDOWMENT, CAROLYN JAMES COLLINS FOUNDATION, THE BORAK
13 FOUNDATION, AND THE UNIHEALTH FOUNDATION AND THE ANTHONY AND
14 GENE PRITZKER FOUNDATION. YOU'LL NOTE WE'VE NOT BEEN BEFORE
15 YOU BEFORE. WE'RE STEPPING FORWARD BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THE TIME
16 IS RIGHT FOR YOU TO ACT ON THESE RECOMMENDATIONS.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YOU'VE NOT BEEN BEFORE US
19 BEFORE. BUT YOU CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL OVER THE
20 YEARS ALL THOSE FOUNDATIONS. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT?

21

22 **DR. MATT HARRIS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS DR. MATT HARRIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
24 WITH PROJECT IMPACT AND A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
25 CHILD WELFARE COALITION. ON BEHALF OF THE 51 AGENCIES THAT

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1 MAKE UP THE COALITION, ALONG WITH OVER 200 CHURCHES THROUGHOUT
2 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ALONG WITH HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES THAT HAVE
3 JOINED US HERE TODAY, AND I WONDER IF YOU ALL WOULD JUST
4 STAND. WE'RE NOT GOING TO CLAP. JUST WAVE YOUR HANDS THAT ARE
5 HERE. WE ARE HERE IN SUPPORT. THANK YOU ALSO OF. WE WOULD LIKE
6 TO THANK SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND
7 TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR APPOINTING THE BLUE RIBBON
8 COMMISSION. WE ARE HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE BLUE RIBBON
9 COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS. CONSISTENT WITH THE BLUE RIBBON
10 RECOMMENDATIONS, WE WOULD LIKE TO ADD AS MEMBERS OF THE FAITH
11 COMMUNITY, WE SUPPORT THE LEADERSHIP OF DR. DAVID SANDERS AND
12 DO HEREBY STRONGLY URGE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXTEND
13 THE CALL TO DR. SANDERS TO LEAD THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THIS
14 REFORM. AS MEMBERS OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY AND AS THE COALITION
15 PARTNERS, WE STAND READY TO SUPPORT THE BLUE RIBBON
16 COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONTINUE THIS JOURNEY DOWN
17 THIS ROAD FOR CHILD SAFETY. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

20

21 **ANDY HEROD:** MY NAME IS ANDY HEROD I'M THE THE VICE PRESIDENT
22 OF STUDENT SERVICES FOR PARA LOS NINOS IN CONJUNCTION WITH
23 MATT HARRIS AND THE COUNTYWIDE COALITION. WE SUPPORT THESE
24 RECOMMENDATIONS BUT NOT WITHOUT SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE TOPIC
25 OF LEADERSHIP. WITHOUT STRONG LEADERSHIP THESE DESIRES TO KEEP

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1 CHILDREN SAFE AND STRENGTHEN FAMILIES WILL BE INCREASINGLY
2 DIFFICULT. WE ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER THE ESSENTIAL TRAITS AS
3 SIGNS OF STRONG LEADERSHIP. WE ASK FOR A LEADER WHO HAS
4 EXPERTISE IN CHILD WELFARE, RECOGNIZES AND RESPECTS DIVERSE
5 STAKEHOLDERS' PERSPECTIVES ON SERVICE PLANNING AND DELIVERY,
6 VALUES COLLABORATION AND TRANSPARENCY RELATED TO
7 DECISIONMAKING, BUDGET PLANNING AND PROGRAMMATIC PLANNING, AND
8 DEMONSTRATES ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH ARTICULATION OF CLEAR AND
9 COMMUNITY RELEVANT OUTCOMES AND CONSISTENT MEASURES OF
10 SUCCESS, ENGAGES AND SUPPORTS EMPLOYEES IN THEIR DIFFICULT
11 TASK RESULTING IN LOW TURNOVER AND HIGH MORALE, TRANSPARENT
12 AND DATA INFORMED DECISION MAKER OF BOTH BUDGETARY AND
13 PROGRAMMATIC PLANNING AND WITH THE ABILITY TO TRANSFORM IDEAS
14 INTO RESULTS. IT IS THESE CHARACTERISTICS, AN ALIGNED WITH THE
15 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION IN SPIRIT THAT WILL
16 PROMOTE THE FAMILY CENTERED HAVE STRENGTH-BASED CONTINUUM OF
17 CARE. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IF YOU CAN WRAP IT UP. THANK YOU.

20

21 **MARAL KARACCUSIAN:** HELLO, I WORK FOR REPRESENTATIVE KAREN BASS
22 AND I WANTED TO READ A STATEMENT ON HER BEHALF. SO I'M READING
23 A LETTER THAT SHE WROTE.

24

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BY THE WAY, IF THERE ARE LETTERS OR
2 WRITTEN COMMENTS AND YOU WANT TO SUBMIT IT FOR THE RECORD,
3 FEEL FREE IF THERE'S NOT ENOUGH TIME, OBVIOUSLY IN A MINUTE
4 THERE'S NOT ENOUGH TIME. MANY OF YOU HAVE WRITTEN COMMENTS.
5 FEEL FREE TO SUBMIT THAT FOR THE RECORD. THANK YOU.

6

7 **MARAL KARACCUSIAN:** SO THIS IS FROM CONGRESSWOMAN BASS. DEAR
8 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD: I WANTED TO START OFF BY ACKNOWLEDGING
9 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR HIS LEADERSHIP ON THE ISSUE
10 OF CHILD WELFARE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ITS TIRELESS
11 EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS IN IN THIS ARENA AND DIRECTOR
12 PHILIP BROWNING AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THIS COMMISSION, OF THE
13 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON CHILD PROTECTION FOR THEIR HARD WORK
14 AND FOCUS ESPECIALLY DR. DAVID SANDERS AND DR. CHERYL GROSS.
15 THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION WAS TASKED WITH INVESTIGATING AND
16 CREATING RECOMMENDATIONS TO PROTECT OUR MOST VULNERABLE
17 CHILDREN. WHILE THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL COMMISSIONS THAT HAVE
18 FOCUSED ON CHILD PROTECTION AND THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM, THE
19 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS COMMISSION EMPHASIZE THE CREATION OF
20 THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION. I SUPPORT THE FINAL REPORT OF
21 THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON CHILD PROTECTION THAT WAS
22 PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON APRIL 22ND AS WELL AS
23 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE ON THE AGENDA
24 TODAY. WE'RE AT A CRITICAL IMPASSE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE
25 PARADIGM SHIFT, HOWEVER DAUNTING IT MAY BE, NEEDS TO TAKE

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1 PLACE COUNTYWIDE AND THIS REPORT CAN SERVE AS ITS CATALYST.
2 THEREFORE I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH
3 THE MOTION SET FORTH BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA TODAY SO THAT THE
4 IMPLEMENTATIONS OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS CAN BE SET IN MOTION.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. BRUCE RUBINSTEIN. LISA PION-
7 BERLIN. GEORGIA THOMPSON. MICHAEL GREEN. AND THEN IF THE NEXT
8 FOUR WOULD MOVE FORWARD TO THE FRONT ROW. JAMES HERR, ELVIA
9 TORRES, LEXUS ROSEN? TALKING TO ME? OH. AND LORENA GARCIA-
10 MARQUEZ. QUESTIONS. SORRY ABOUT THAT. TRYING TO MULTITASK UP
11 HERE. GO AHEAD.

12

13 **BRUCE RUBENSTEIN:** SUPERVISORS AND CHILDREN'S DEPUTIES, MY NAME
14 IS BRUCE RUBENSTEIN, A MEMBER OF THE COUNTYWIDE COMMUNITY
15 CHILD WELFARE COALITION. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE
16 CHILD SAFETY ASPECTS OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION REPORT.
17 FIRST I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK OF THE BOARD IN ACHIEVING
18 A STEADY AND DRAMATIC DECREASE IN CHILD ABUSE DEATHS OVER THE
19 PAST 20 YEARS. CHILD HOMICIDES HAVE DROPPED OVER 500 PERCENT.
20 WRAPPING A COMMUNITY SAFETY NET OF SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE
21 CENTERS, HEAD START AND COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED
22 ORGANIZATIONS AROUND THE FAMILY WITH THE COUNTY MEANS THAT THE
23 CHILDREN ARE BEING SEEN NEARLY EVERY DAY IN THEIR HOMES,
24 SCHOOLS AND NEIGHBORHOODS. HAVING MULTIPLE EYES ON THE
25 CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS GREATLY ENHANCES CHILD SAFETY.

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1 SECONDLY WE SUPPORT THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION AND FEEL WE
2 MUST PRIORITIZE THE COMPREHENSIVE PRIMARY PREVENTION SYSTEM,
3 COORDINATE FIRST FIVE AND D.C.F.S. PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG MOTHERS
4 WITH INFANTS UNDER AGE ONE, AND, FINALLY, SUPPORT RELATIVE
5 CAREGIVERS BY PROVIDING THE SAME MEASURE OF SUPPORT FOR THEM
6 AND MONITORING AS THE PARAPROFESSIONAL FOSTER CARE.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, BRUCE. SORRY ABOUT
9 THAT. THERE WASN'T AN "E" AFTER THAT . I THOUGHT IT WAS
10 "BRUC." I DIDN'T KNOW IF YOU HAD A NEW NAME. ALL RIGHT. GO
11 AHEAD, SIR. WHOEVER IS NEXT.

12

13 **LISA PION-BERLIN:** THANK YOU. I'M DR. LISA BERLIN, THE
14 PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF PARENTS ANONYMOUS. THE OLDEST CHILD
15 ABUSE PREVENTION ORGANIZATION IN AMERICA STARTED IN LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY. WE HAVE HELPED MILLIONS OF PARENTS AND KIDS
17 TURN THEIR LIVES AROUND. WE ARE EVIDENCE-BASED. AND WE'RE HERE
18 TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION
19 THAT ACTUALLY ADDRESS EFFECTIVE AND THAT IS EVIDENCE-BASED
20 PREVENTION PROGRAMS. YOU HAVE RESOURCES RIGHT HERE IN THE
21 COUNTY THAT HAVE NOT BEEN BROUGHT UP TO SCALE. SO WHEN PARENTS
22 EARLY ON WANT TO HELP, THEY HAVE NOWHERE TO TURN. AND THE
23 SYSTEM LEANS TOWARDS PUNITIVE NATURES INSTEAD OF BUILDING ON
24 THE STRENGTHS OF FAMILIES. PEOPLE ACT AS THOUGH THEY BELIEVE
25 IN THESE THINGS, BUT THEY DON'T IMPLEMENT THEM. SO WITHOUT

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1 WIDE SCALE EVIDENCE-BASED PREVENTION PROGRAMS, WHERE DO
2 FAMILIES GO? WHERE DO THEY REACH OUT EARLY? WHERE DO THEY ASK
3 FOR HELP? OUR SLOGAN IN PARENTS ANONYMOUS FOR THE MILLIONS OF
4 PARENTS WE'VE SERVED AND KIDS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASKING FOR
5 HELP IS A SIGN OF STRENGTH AND WE HOPE THAT THE BOARD SUPPORTS
6 EVIDENCE-BASED SERVICES FOR PREVENTION.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

9

10 **GEORGIA THOMPSON:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GEORGIA THOMPSON.
11 I'M FROM BIENVENIDOS AND SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MY PRESIDENT
12 C.E.O. RICHARD GEISEL AND WE ARE PART OF THE L.A. COUNTY-WIDE
13 COALITION AND WE STAND IN AGREEMENT WITH THE BLUE RIBBON
14 COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP
15 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THEY HAVE PUT FORTH AND WE WOULD JUST
16 LIKE TO MAKE IT NOTED THAT IN DOING SO, WE KNOW IT'S A
17 CRITICAL TIME. WE KNOW IT'S A STATE OF EMERGENCY OF CHILD
18 SAFETY AND WE JUST WANTED TO JOIN COLLABORATIVELY WITH YOU AS
19 PARTNERS WITH THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, WITH THE NEW
20 LEADERSHIP THAT'S GOING TO COME COME FORTH. WE WANT TO THANK
21 YOU ALL FOR YOUR POSITIVE APPROACH TO THE BLUE RIBBON
22 COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS AND PASSING THIS ON TO MOVE FORWARD
23 AND SOME BULLET POINTS THAT WE JUST WANTED TO IDENTIFY REAL
24 QUICKLY, I GUESS TIME FOR ONE IS TO PLEASE CONSIDER THE

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1 EXPERTISE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND YOUR COMMUNITY

2 COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

5

6 **MICHAEL GREEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MICHAEL
7 GREEN. I'M THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721 FOR
8 L.A. COUNTY. CHILDREN SOCIAL WORKERS AND PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES
9 WHO HAVE DEDICATED THEIR PROFESSIONAL LIVES IN KEEPING THE
10 MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN SAFE, SUPPORT REFORM. SOCIAL WORKERS
11 AS THE COMMISSION HAS CONFIRMED OVERWHELMED BY CASELOADS
12 SIGNIFICANTLY ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE AND FORCED TO DEAL
13 REGULARLY WITH THE PROBLEM OF WHERE TO PLACE ENDANGERED
14 CHILDREN WHEN THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF SAFE AND APPROPRIATE
15 FOSTER HOMES. THEY FELT SO STRONGLY THAT THESE PROBLEMS MUST
16 BE ADDRESSED THAT LATE LAST YEAR THEY TOOK THE UNPRECEDENTED
17 STEP OF GOING ON STRIKE NOT FOR HIGHER WAGES BUT TO IMPROVE
18 CHILD SAFETY. COUNTY OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE NEED TO
19 MAKE CASELOADS MORE MANAGEABLE. WE SEE THE COMMISSION'S REPORT
20 IN THE SAME VEIN. HOWEVER, WE ARE SKEPTICAL ABOUT ADDING
21 ANOTHER ADMINISTRATIVE LAYER TO THE COUNTY BUREAUCRACY IN THE
22 FORM OF OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTIONS WITH ITS OWN CHILD
23 PROTECTION CZAR WILL RESULT POSSIBLY IN SIGNIFICANT
24 INEFFICIENCIES AND WILL CERTAINLY DO LITTLE TO PROVIDE THE
25 ADDED RESOURCES NEEDED TO PROTECT THESE CHILDREN.

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1 NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE THAT THE COMMISSION'S SPECIFIC
2 RECOMMENDATIONS DO HAVE MERIT. AND THIS IS, AS COMMISSION
3 SAYS, AN EMERGENCY. AN URGENT ACTION TO CALL FORTH. BUT THIS
4 DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD HASTILY TO IMPLEMENT
5 EVERY ONE OF THE COMMISSION'S 55 AN RECOMMENDATIONS.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WRAP IT UP.

8

9 **MICHAEL GREEN:** WE FAVORE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS' MORE
10 DELIBERATE APPROACH WITH TWO FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WRAP IT UP, PLEASE.

13

14 **MICHAEL GREEN:** WOW. [LAUGHTER.]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I MEAN YOU DID GOOD. IT ALMOST SOUNDED
17 LIKE A FED EX COMMERCIAL. YOU WERE REALLY GOOD, MAN. YOU WERE
18 REALLY FINE.

19

20 **MICHAEL GREEN:** THE MOST IMPORTANT PART.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. FINISH IT.

23

24 **MICHAEL GREEN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. THE MULTIDEPARTMENT
25 IMPLEMENTATION TEAM MUST INCLUDE THE VOICE OF CHILDREN SOCIAL

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1 WORKERS, PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES AND OTHER WORKERS WHO HAVE
2 POSSESSED A VALUABLE ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT SYSTEM. IN
3 ORDER FOR THE PILOT PROJECT TO SUCCEED THEY MUST BE PROPERLY
4 RESOURCED AND THIS MUST NOT BE AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER
5 SYSTEMS.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUBMIT THE REST FOR THE FOR THE RECORD,
8 PLEASE.

9

10 **MICHAEL GREEN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. LORRAINA GARCIA-MARQUEZ. LEXIS
11 ROSEN. EVIA TORRES AND JAMES HERR. AGAIN I WOULD ASK TO MOVE
12 FORWARD KAREN MOTUS. HELENA LASCANO, KAREN SOLOMAN, AND
13 MONETTE ANTONIO-MCCULLOUGH. OKAY. GO AHEAD.

14

15 **JIM HERR:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I AM JIM HERR WITH THE
16 CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ALSO REPRESENTING SOUTHERN
17 CALIFORNIA GRANT MAKERS. THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF OUR DONORS
18 BY THE WAY OF OUR DONOR ADVISED FUNDS AND SUPPORTED
19 ORGANIZATIONS AND OUR OWN PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES, CALIFORNIA
20 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IS DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING THE MOST
21 VULNERABLE AND UNDERSERVED MEMBERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
22 YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE, IN THE PROBATION SYSTEM ARE AMONG THE
23 MOST VULNERABLE. EACH SHOULD BE OUR IMPERATIVE TO INSURE THAT
24 THESE YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE. THE BLUE
25 RIBBON COMMISSION'S REPORT IS AN IMPORTANT START AS IT

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1 IDENTIFIES A BLUEPRINT FOR BUILDING ESSENTIAL COOPERATIVE AND
2 COLLABORATIVE STRUCTURES NEEDED TO SUPPORT ALL CHILDREN IN THE
3 COUNTY. WE MUST NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ACT NOW. SO WE
4 URGE THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE
5 RECOMMENDATIONS, PARTICULARLY THE FIRST AND SECOND IMMEDIATE
6 ACTIONS PROPOSED. WE ARE COMMITTED TO USING PHILANTHROPY AS A
7 TOOL TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES RELATED IN THE FINDINGS AND IN THE
8 REPORT. BUT YOUR COMMITMENT TO THESE CHANGES AND
9 RECOMMENDATIONS IS ESSENTIAL. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

12

13 **ELVIA TORRES:** (SPANISH) THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE, THE
14 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY. MY NAME IS ELVIA TORRES, I'M
15 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR SPIRIT FAMILY SERVICES. I FIND IT
16 REFRESHING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HERE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT
17 IT'S TIME TO STOP DOING BUSINESS AS USUAL, THAT WE STOP
18 WORKING IN SILOS AND TAKE THE NEW APPROACH. I WAS FORTUNATE
19 LAST THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, I ATTENDED A WORKSHOP AT THE
20 CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT. AND IT FOCUSED ON LEADERSHIP THAT WORKS.
21 THE MESSAGE WAS SAYING: IT'S TIME TO CHANGE THE CONVERSATION.
22 IT'S TIME TO CHANGE THE STORY. THIS IS OUR TIME NOW TO GO BACK
23 AND TALK ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS AND PARTNERSHIPS. NOW MORE THAN
24 EVER OUR COMMUNITY AND NONPROFITS TALKING TOGETHER, WORKING
25 TOGETHER. FUNDERS ARE LOOKING AT OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE COULD

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1 COME TOGETHER, LEVERAGE FUNDS AND MOVE FORWARD. THE COMMUNITY
2 HAS SPOKEN. THE REPORT, THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION'S REPORT
3 HAS CAPTURED WHAT FOSTER CHILDREN, PARENTS, SOCIAL WORKERS
4 HAVE ALL SAID. SO PLEASE LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.
5 THEY HAVE SPOKEN. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? GO AHEAD.

8

9 **LEXUS ROSEN:** MY NAME IS LEXUS ROSEN. I'M A NURSE WITH THE
10 PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE WITH FOR CHILDREN AND FOSTER CARE. MYSELF
11 AND MY COWORKERS ARE HERE TO ADDRESS THE PROGRAM RE-ALIGNMENT,
12 WHICH IS SAID TO BE IN EFFECT ON JULY 2015. WE ARE ADVOCATING
13 FOR A PROGRAM TO STAY UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.
14 ON APRIL 25TH WE WROTE A LETTER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN
15 REGARDS TO THE PROGRAM RE-ALIGNMENT. WE FEEL THAT IT IS
16 IMPERATIVE FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES AND THE HEALTH CARE
17 PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE TO REMAIN UNDER THE
18 DIRECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WHICH FOLLOWS A
19 STANDARDIZED MEDICAL AND NURSING PRACTICE. WE BELIEVE THAT THE
20 ONGOING OVERSIGHT PROVIDED TO THE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM FOR
21 CHILDREN AND FOSTER CARE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS
22 THE MOST EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO ENSURE THAT P.H.S. PROVIDE
23 MEDICALLY FOCUSED CONSULTATION AND ASSISTANCE TO THE CHILDREN
24 AND SOCIAL WORKERS AND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
25 FAMILY SERVICES THEREBY PREVENTING PREMATURE ILLNESS OR DEATH

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1 IN CHILDREN IN THE POPULATION OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE. MY
2 COWORKERS WANT YOU TO CONTINUE READING THE LETTER. THE LETTER
3 IS HERE.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUBMIT TO IT THE SHERIFF AND WE'LL
6 SUBMIT IT FOR THE RECORD.

7

8 **LORENA GARCIA-MARQUEZ:** MY NAME IS LORENA AND I'M A PUBLIC
9 HEALTH NURSE. MY COLLEAGUES AND I ARE HERE TODAY AS CONCERNED
10 CITIZENS, PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES AND MOTHERS. WE ARE EXTREMELY
11 PASSIONATE ABOUT THE WORK THAT WE DO, WHICH IS ADVOCATING ON
12 BEHALF OF THE FOSTER CARE CHILDREN, AND DOING EVERYTHING IN
13 OUR POWER TO HELP KEEP THEM SAFE AND HEALTHY. THUS FAR WE HAVE
14 BEEN ALLOWED TO DO OUR JOB TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY DUE TO
15 THE STRUCTURED AND UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT
16 OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ESPECIALLY OUR NURSE MANAGER JULIA WOOD.
17 IT WOULD BE A GREAT DISSERVICE TO REMOVE OUR PROGRAM FROM SUCH
18 A STRUCTURED ADMINISTRATION. CURRENTLY AS A NEUTRAL ENTITY, WE
19 ARE ABLE TO ADVOCATE FOR THE FOSTER CHILDREN WITHOUT FEAR OF
20 RETALIATION FROM D.C.F.S. ADMINISTRATION. IF YOU REMOVE FROM
21 US THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, THEN YOU MIGHT AS WELL
22 PLACE TAPE OVER OUR MOUTHS AS WE WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO
23 SPEAK UP ON BEHALF OF OUR FOSTER CHILDREN. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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1

2 **KAREN MOTUS:** MY NAME IS KAREN AND I'M ALSO A PUBLIC HEALTH
3 NURSE IN THE HEALTHCARE PROGRAM WITH CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE.
4 WE AS P.H.N.S ARE INSPIRED BY THE MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 PUBLIC HEALTH, WHICH IS TO PROTECT HEALTH, PREVENT DISEASE AND
6 PROMOTE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING FOR ALL PERSONS IN LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE. WITHIN THE
8 FRAMEWORK OF D.P.H. THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES AND THE
9 A.C.P.C.F.C. PROGRAM HAS BEEN ENCOURAGED TO TAKE A HOLISTIC
10 APPROACH JUST AS SUGGESTED BY THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION TO
11 CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE REGARDING HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL AND
12 SAFETY ISSUES AS CRITICAL TO ENSURING THE WELL-BEING OF THIS
13 POPULATION. BY UTILIZING THE CONCEPTS OF D.P.H. THE HEALTH
14 CARE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND FOSTER CARE PATIENTS HAVE
15 FUNCTIONED EFFECTIVELY WITHIN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM AND
16 HAVE HELPED TO MERGE D.C.F.S.'S ORGANIZATIONAL GOAL OF SAFETY
17 WHICH THE H.P.C.F.C. SEES EMPHASIS ON THE HEALTH AND WELL-
18 BEING ON THE CHILD AND FOSTER CARE. SO WITHIN D.P.H., THE
19 HEALTHCARE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND FOSTER CARE, P.H.N.S
20 RECEIVE EDUCATION, TRAINING SKILLS AND ARE CRUCIAL TO PROMOTE
21 THE HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE FOSTER CARE
22 POPULATION.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP, PLEASE?

25

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1 **KAREN MOTUS:** YES. SO PUBLIC SERVANTS THAT ADDS PUBLIC VALUE
2 FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE, WE P.H.N.S IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OUR CLIENTS AND FAMILY AND CHILDREN
4 COOPERATE WITH US AND WE ADD PUBLIC VALUE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT FOUR MOVE FORWARD,
7 ARNOLD SACHS, ERIC PREVEN, ROBERT SINGER, AND LORI MARTIN. GO
8 AHEAD.

9

10 **ELENA LASCANO:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS ELENA
11 LASCANO, I'M ALSO A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE IN THE HEALTHCARE
12 PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND FOSTER CARE. OVER THE PAST 14 YEARS,
13 THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES AND THE HEALTHCARE PROGRAM FOR
14 CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE HAVE CONSISTENTLY AND DILIGENTLY
15 ASSISTED THE SOCIAL WORKERS IN D.C.F.S. WITH THE TIMELY AND
16 COMPREHENSIVE COORDINATION OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES THAT ARE
17 NEEDED BY THE CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE IN L.A. COUNTY. IT WOULD
18 BE A GREAT DISSERVICE TO THOSE CHILDREN IF OUR PROGRAM WERE
19 NOT MAINTAINED UNDER THE CURRENT STRUCTURE WITH D.P.H., THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH OVERSIGHT. THE DEPARTMENT OF
21 PUBLIC HEALTH HAS MENTIONED CLEARLY DELINEATED THE PUBLIC
22 HEALTH NURSES' ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES, PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES
23 AND MEASURES FOLLOWING A PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH DOES NOT MEAN
24 TRANSFERRING RESPONSIBILITY FROM ONE PUBLIC AGENCIES TO
25 ANOTHER. RATHER, A SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGY WOULD

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1 WEAVE TOGETHER PROGRAMS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT LEAD TO
2 BETTER OUTCOMES FOR THE CHILDREN WE SERVE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

5

6 **KAREN SOLOMON:** GOOD AFTERNOON OR GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS
7 KAREN SOLOMON. I'M A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE, SUPERVISOR WITHIN
8 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. AS A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE, WE
9 WORK WELL WITH THE C.S.W.S. CURRENTLY THERE ARE ONLY
10 APPROXIMATELY 150 PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES. AND WE ARE CONSULTANTS
11 COMPARED TO THE 5,000 PLUS SOCIAL WORKERS, CHILDREN SOCIAL
12 WORKERS WHO WORK VERY DILIGENTLY TRYING TO HELP THE CHILDREN
13 IN FOSTER CARE. WE ARE ASSIGNED AS SECONDARY AS MANDATED BY
14 THE BOARD SO THAT THE SOCIAL WORKERS WOULD KNOW CLEARLY WHO WE
15 ARE. WE ARE N.C.W.S.C.M.S. OUR DOCUMENTATION IS N.C.W.S.C.M.S.
16 WE GO OUT ON HOME VISITS. WE GO OUT, WE GO TO THE MULTI-
17 ASSESSMENT DISCIPLINE MEETINGS. WE DO EVERYTHING WITH OUR --
18 THE SAME AS D.C.F.S. EMPLOYED PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES. THE
19 PROBLEM IS NOT MOVING US. THE PROBLEM IS INCREASING OUR
20 NUMBERS. THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN DO WHAT THE B.R.C. RECOMMENDS,
21 WHICH WE HIGHLY RESPECT, BUT WE WOULD NEED A SIGNIFICANT
22 AMOUNT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES IN ORDER TO DO THE JOB THAT WE
23 NEED IN ORDER TO HELP THE CHILDREN. AND IT'S NOT ONLY FOR
24 CHILDREN 0 THROUGH 1. IT'S ALSO FOR KIDS WHO ARE 8 YEARS OLD
25 SUCH AS THE GUY THAT WAS KILLED. IT'S ALSO FOR MANY TODDLERS

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1 THAT ARE KILLED. WE ARE ON THE FRONTLINE. WE NEED TO BE HEARD
2 AND WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE B.R.C. REPORT.
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

6

7 **MONETTE MCCULLOUGH:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MONETTE
8 MCCULLOUGH. I'M A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE SUPERVISOR WITH THE
9 HEALTHCARE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE IN THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. WE ARE NOT SEEN AS A THREAT TO
11 OUR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE THE COOPERATION OF OUR FAMILIES AND
12 CHILDREN BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT WE ARE HERE TO HELP THEM ONCE
13 WE IDENTIFIED OURSELVES AS PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES WITH THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
15 FAMILY SERVICES HAS SUCH A LARGE SOCIAL SERVICE ENTITY THAT BY
16 ADDING MORE STAFF, THERE WOULD BE AN INCREASE IN THE CHAOS TO
17 AN ALREADY BROKEN SYSTEM. HOW COULD THEY ADOPT AND LEAD PUBLIC
18 HEALTH NURSES WHO ARE A MEDICAL ENTITIES? THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE NEXT FOUR TO MOVE
21 FORWARD, MELINDA WAITE, RUTH HULL, C.J. PARK, ROBERT SINGER.
22 YOU'RE UP HERE ALREADY, RIGHT? AND WALTER SMITH. GO AHEAD
23 WHOEVER'S NEXT.

24

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1 **LORI MARTIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. LORI MARTIN FROM RIVERSIDE
2 COUNTY. I'VE BEEN BEFORE THIS BOARD NUMEROUS TIMES SINCE 2012.
3 UNFORTUNATELY, YES, YOU'RE RIGHT, EVERYTHING THAT'S APPROVED
4 HAS TO BE APPROVED THROUGH THIS BOARD. IS THAT THE CORRECT
5 DECISION FOR FOSTER CARE ANY FURTHER? IN 20 YEARS IT HASN'T
6 CHANGED. ALL WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS FUNDING INSTEAD OF GABRIEL
7 FERNANDEZ, JOSHUA VASQUEZ, VICTORIA SANDOVAL, VIOLA I DON'T
8 REMEMBER HER LAST NAME UNFORTUNATELY. I DON'T HAVE THE LIST OF
9 THE NAMES. BUT I WILL BE REQUESTING UNDER SENATE BILL 39 A
10 LIST OF ALL FATALITIES THAT HAD D.C.F.S. ENCOUNTERS IN LOS
11 ANGELES FROM 2010-2014 SO WE CAN GET SOME REAL ANSWERS TO
12 THESE FATALITIES. THAT'S WHAT THIS COMMISSION WAS ABOUT. IT
13 WAS NOT TROLLING FOR FUNDING, ORGANIZATIONS, THIS, THAT AND
14 THE OTHER. I SPEAK AS A FORMER WARD OF THE COURT. I LIVED IT.
15 TRY ASKING US. WE LIVED IN FOSTER CARE. NOT ANYBODY ELSE.
16 [APPLAUSE.] (GAVEL).

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

19

20 **ROBERT SINGER:** DO YOU WANT ME TO GO NEXT?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD, WHOEVER.

23

24 **ROBERT SINGER:** I'M ROBERT SINGER. BELIEVE IT OR NOT I'VE BEEN
25 HERE SINCE 1975 BUT THIS IS THE MOST DISTURBING EVENT THAT

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1 I 'VE EVER ATTENDED. LET ME PREFACE MY REMARKS BY TELLING YOU
2 THAT I'M BOTH DISILLUSIONED AND DISTURBED ABOUT THIS CHARADE
3 THAT YOU'RE PUTTING ON TODAY WITH REGARD TO THIS LATEST BLUE
4 RIBBON COMMISSION REPORT WHICH DOES NOTHING MORE THAN CREATE
5 ANOTHER BUREAUCRACY SUBJECT TO THE CONTROL OF D.C.F.S. THE
6 FIVE OF YOU WERE PRESENT IN APRIL OF 2012 WHEN A LEGITIMATE
7 82-PAGE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHILDREN SPECIAL INVESTIGATION
8 REPORT WAS SUBMITTED TO YOU. IF YOU WERE SINCERE ABOUT THE
9 PROBLEM, THEN YOU WOULD HAVE ADOPTED THE 82 PAGES OF
10 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WOULD HAVE PREVENTED THE DEATHS OF I
11 COULD NAME AT LEAST, TORY SANDOVAL SHE MENTIONED. SARAH
12 CHAVEZ. ABRIGAL MORALES. AND WHAT I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT IS
13 THAT WE BELIEVE THE PEOPLE THAT NO MATTER HOW CORRUPT OUR
14 FINANCIAL SYSTEMS WERE, AT LEAST THE MOST VULNERABLE OF OUR
15 POPULATION WOULD BE CARED FOR. THE FIVE OF YOU TOOK AN OATH
16 WHEN YOU WERE ELECTED TO FAITHFULLY DISCHARGE YOUR DUTIES. AND
17 YET YOU HAVE DONE NOTHING IN THE LAST THREE YEARS TO TAKE ANY
18 MEANINGFUL ACTION TO PREVENT THE KNOWN INCONSISTENCIES.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP, PLEASE?

21

22 **ROBERT SINGER:** AND INJUSTICES OF D.C.F.S. YOU SAID I COULD
23 WRAP IT UP? THE FIVE OF YOU HAVE A CHANCE. YOU HAVE A ONCE-IN-
24 A-LIFETIME CHANCE TO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE. WHAT ARE YOU
25 SAYING?

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WRAP IT UP.

3

4 **ROBERT SINGER:** DO YOU KNOW HOW FAR I DROVE TO GET HERE,
5 SUPERVISOR KNABE? I DROVE AN HOUR AND A HALF TO GET HERE. I
6 SPENT 3 HOURS ON THIS SPEECH AND YOU LIMITED ME TO ONE MINUTE?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S RIGHT.

9

10 **ROBERT SINGER:** ARE YOU SERIOUS? DO YOU KNOW THAT I PAY TAXES
11 HERE?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND. EVERYBODY DOES.

14

15 **ROBERT SINGER:** WELL YOU OBVIOUSLY DON'T UNDERSTAND. ZEV, I
16 DON'T KNOW WHY ZEV LEFT THE ROOM BECAUSE ZEV SHOULD HAVE
17 DEFENDED ME. I KNOW ZEV PERSONALLY.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT. NEXT, PLEASE.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. IT
22 WAS MENTIONED THE \$7 BILLION BUDGET FOR D.C.F.S., MR. FUJIOKA
23 MENTIONED THAT THE COUNTY BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR IS \$26 BILLION.
24 ALL BUT 8 BILLION IS EITHER FEDERAL, STATE FUNDING OR GRANTS.
25 SO THAT LEAVES YOU JUST AT \$8 BILLION. YOU'RE THE ONES GETTING

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1 THE BLANK CHECK, NOBODY ELSE IS GETTING A BLANK CHECK HERE.
2 THE NEW OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION THAT YOU'RE ALL YAPPING
3 ABOUT. FIRST IMPLEMENT A STRATEGIC PLAN. BUT LAST WEEK PHILIP
4 BROWNING WAS HERE WITH THE D.C.F.S. STRATEGIC PLAN. TALK ABOUT
5 SILOS. WHY IS THAT STRATEGIC PLAN GOING TO LAST AND A NEW
6 STRATEGIC PLAN GOING TO COME INTO PLACE? TALK ABOUT SILOS.
7 MANY DEPARTMENTS WITH THE TENTACLES IN THE SYSTEM, SUCKING UP
8 THE MONEY. M.O.U. WITH THE WORKERS? NEGOTIATE WITH THE CIVIL
9 SERVICE. INDEPENDENT VOICE. ALL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS 862, 31
10 INITIATIVES. BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION. DRIVEN BY THE BOARD.
11 "THELMA AND LOUISE" OFF THE CLIFF. ALL THIS INFORMATION INPUT
12 SOUNDS LIKE THE GLORIA MOLINA HAND JOB.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE TOTALLY OUT OF ORDER, MR. SACHS.
15 YOU ARE OUT OF ORDER. YOU'VE HAD YOUR LAST TESTIMONY TODAY,
16 SIR. YES, YOU HAVE.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I SO MOVE. SO MOVED, MR. CHAIRMAN.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** INSULTING.

2

3 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT'S ERIC PREVEN THE RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3.
4 AND OBVIOUSLY A LOT OF GOOD WORK HAS GONE IN. THE BLUE RIBBON
5 COMMISSION HAS PUT TOGETHER AN IMPRESSIVE REPORT. THE BIG
6 ISSUE WE'RE FACING NOW IS, FIRST OF ALL, THIS BOARD SHOULD
7 GATHER ITS THOUGHTS AND PRODUCE ONE SORT OF MOTION THAT THEN
8 WE CAN THEN SEE BECAUSE THIS IS INVISIBLE AT THE MOMENT. IT'S
9 HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT. IN FACT, I TALKED TO
10 SOME OF THE INSIDE PLAYERS AND IT'S NOT CLEAR WHAT THE ROLE OF
11 THE C.E.O.'S SERVICE INTEGRATION GROUP IS IN THIS. AND,
12 FRANKLY, THAT IS SOMETHING WE HAVE TRIED AND FAILED WITH IN
13 THE PAST. I'M SEEKING THE KIND OF INDEPENDENCE THAT THIS
14 COMMISSION SHOULD BE AFFORDED AND I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S EXACTLY
15 IN PLACE NOW. I REALIZE THAT THAT IS A COMPLICATION. I DON'T
16 THINK THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOULD BE APPOINTING ALL
17 OF THE PEOPLE. AND I REALIZE THAT MOLINA'S, YOU KNOW, PROPOSAL
18 DOESN'T HAVE THEM APPOINTING ALL OF THEM. BUT NOTICEABLY
19 MISSING ARE MEMBERS OF THE UNION AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC,
20 FRANKLY, WHO SHOULD BE ON THAT COMMISSION, MONITORS AMONG THE
21 COMMISSIONERS IS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT. AND I THINK THAT'S ALSO
22 IMPORTANT. BUT I WAS DISAPPOINTED WITH THE LACK OF CLARITY
23 ABOUT WHAT SPECIFICALLY WE'RE GETTING THERE.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WRAP IT UP.

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1

2 **ERIC PREVEN:** WE COULD WRAP IT UP BUT MAYBE THE BOARD COULD
3 TAKE SERIOUSLY THE SUGGESTION THAT THERE'S A LOT OF CONFUSION
4 A LOT OF SUPPORT TO DO SOMETHING SMART BUT ONE WEEK TO ITEMIZE
5 WHAT WE'RE REALLY LOOKING AT WOULD BE A GOOD USE OF TIME AND
6 MONEY.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, NEXT MELINDA WAITE. RUTH
9 HULL. C.J. PARK AND WALTER SMITH. THE NEXT FOUR TO MOVE
10 FORWARD, FIOR CAMPERO, JANICE SPIRE. DENISE PAZ. AND ANTONIA
11 RAMIREZ WILL BE THE NEXT FOUR AFTER. NEXT? GO AHEAD.

12

13 **MELINDA WAITE:** HI. THERE ARE VERY FEW OF YOU ON THE BOARD
14 SITTING HERE NOW.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'M HERE.

17

18 **MELINDA WAITE:** ANYWAY, WE WERE -- WE SAT THROUGH ALL THE BLUE
19 RIBBON COMMITTEE MEETINGS. I'M MELINDA WAITE. D.C.F.S. HAD
20 THEIR HANDS OUT FOR MORE OF EVERYTHING FROM THE BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS. BUT CAME UP AS NO REAL SOLUTIONS TO PROTECT
22 CHILDREN, LIKE GABRIEL FERNANDEZ. ABUSE AND NEGLECT KILL
23 CHILDREN, NOT DIRTY HOUSES. NOT, YOU KNOW, VAGUE ACCUSATIONS
24 OF EMOTIONAL ABUSE. THE COURTS ARE CLOGGED UP WITH THOSE
25 CASES. THEIR SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF D.C.F.S. IS TO HAVE

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1 MORE OF EVERYTHING, THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS TO OFFER
2 THEM. WHAT WE LEARNED AND THE MOST SHOCKING THING THAT WE
3 LEARNED AND YOU SAID NOT TO TELL THEM WHAT TO DO, MS. MOLINA,
4 BUT I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TELL THEM NO TO THIS. WE
5 LEARNED THAT D.C.F.S. APPROVES OF DRUGGING BABIES UNDER THE
6 AGE OF ONE YEAR. AND WITH PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE WRAP.

9

10 **MELINDA WAITE:** AND WHEN ASKED A QUESTION BY DAVID SANDERS,
11 WHAT POSSIBLE PURPOSE COULD BE SERVED BUY DRUGGING AN INFANT
12 WITH PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS UNDER THE AGE OF ONE? HE POSED
13 THIS QUESTION TO A U.S.C. SOCIAL WORKER.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

16

17 **RUTH HULL:** YES, I AM RUTH HULL. ALSO KNOWN AS RUTH HULL
18 RICHTER, CHAIRMAN OF THE PATRICK HENRY DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF
19 AMERICA. I'VE KNOWN A NUMBER OF YOU FOR YEARS. GLORIA, YOU AND
20 I HAVE SPOKEN AT SOME OF THE SAME RALLIES. MARK, MY CLUB HAS
21 ENDORSED YOU FOR EVERY OFFICE YOU RAN FOR. IN FACT, WE TRIED
22 TO GET YOU TO RUN FOR CONGRESS AND YOU SIGNED SEVERAL OF MY
23 PLATFORM PETITIONS FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM. I AM A VERY
24 STRONG SUPPORTER OF EMPLOYEE UNIONS AND OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.
25 AND I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT WHEN YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT IS

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1 NOT WORKING, YOU CAN'T JUST DO A LITTLE REFORM WHEN YOU HAVE
2 570 KIDS WHO HAVE DIED IN AN 18-MONTH PERIOD. EVERY CHILD
3 COMES INTO THE WORLD WITH A DREAM AND A BELIEF THAT THEY WILL
4 GET TO GROW TO ADULTHOOD AND BE SOMETHING. AND WHAT D.C.F.S.
5 OFTEN DOES IS THEY TAKE THE CHILDREN FROM PROTECTIVE PARENTS
6 AND GIVE THEM TO RAPISTS AND BATTERERS CLAIMING THAT
7 ALIENATION IS WORSE THAN REPORTING RAPE. I DID AN ARTICLE
8 WHERE THE HEADLINE WAS-

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WRAP IT UP, PLEASE.

11

12 **RUTH HULL:** "THE FASTEST WAY TO GAINFUL CUSTODY OF YOUR CHILD
13 IS TO RAPE HER."

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. C.J. PARK? WALTER SMITH AND
16 THEN MENTION THE NEXT FIOR CAMPARO, JANICE SPIRE. DENISE PAZ
17 AND TENIA RAMIREZ.

18

19 **WALTER SMITH:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS WALTER SMITH. I'D LIKE
20 TO THANK SUPERVISOR THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA. I'M A
21 RELATIVE CAREGIVER AND I'M HERE WITH COMMUNITY COALITION. I'M
22 HERE WITH OTHER RELATIVE CAREGIVERS TO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT
23 AND ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATION THAT RELATES SPECIFICALLY
24 TO KINSHIP AND RELATIVE CARE. I RAISED SIX OF MY RELATIVES'
25 CHILDREN ALONG WITH TWO OF MY OWN. I WAS IN A POSITION TO BE

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1 ABLE TO RAISE MY CHILDREN WITH THE SUPPORT BUT NOT EVERYONE IS
2 ABLE TO DO THAT. OUT OF THE SIX CHILDREN, MY LAST
3 GRANDCHILDREN CAME TO ME FROM FOSTER CARE WHEN I HAD A HOME
4 READY FOR THEM. MY LAST GRANDSON, RICHARD, NOW 19 YEARS OF
5 AGE, HAS HAD SERIOUS MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS SINCE HE
6 WAS PLACED WITH ME AT TWO YEARS OLD. FOR MANY CAREGIVERS, THE
7 TIME THAT IT TAKES TO GET APPROVED TO TAKE IN OUR CHILDREN
8 TAKES A LONG TIME. AND THEN IT CAN TAKE A LONG TIME TO GET IF
9 PROPER SUPPORT. WE ARE HERE ASKING YOU TO LOOK AT OUR
10 FAMILIES. HEAR THAT WE LOVE OUR CHILDREN. AND KNOW WE ARE
11 WILLING TO SACRIFICE FOR THEM. BUT WE BELIEVE YOU CAN MAKE A
12 REAL IMPROVEMENT IN OUR LIVES BY ADOPTING THE BLUE RIBBON
13 COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **WALTER SMITH:** THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION MADE RECOMMENDATIONS
18 THAT WILL MEET SOME OF OUR IMPORTANT NEEDS FOR PROPER AND
19 TIMELY ASSESSMENT, SUPPORT AND MAKING SURE WE GET OUR HOMES
20 INSPECTED QUICKLY TO MAKE SURE WE GET THE RESOURCES WE NEED.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. SMITH YOUR TIME IS UP. I'VE GIVEN
23 YOU A LOT OF TIME. OKAY?

24

25 **WALTER SMITH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT, PLEASE?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** IN CHILDREN'S DEPENDENCY COURT, SEXUAL ABUSE EVIDENCE
5 WAS SUPPRESSED IN MY CASE AND OTHER GOOD PARENTS' CASES WHEN
6 THE EVIDENCE WAS DISCOVERED BY ME AND SUBPOENAED TO COURT,
7 JUDGE DOWNING REFUSED TO SEE THE EVIDENCE AND REFUSED TO ALLOW
8 A FORENSIC NURSE WITH OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE UNDER ASTRID
9 HEYGUARD, ASTRID HEYGUARD IS A FAVORITE WITH THIS BOARD. THIS
10 NURSE WAS APPOINTED BY D.C.F.S. REFUSED THEIR OWN APPOINTEE TO
11 SPEAK. AND SHE WAS MADE TO WAIT OUTSIDE THE COURTROOM FOR
12 HOURS TO NO AVAIL. MY AMERICAN DISABILITY ASSOCIATION
13 ADVOCATES AND I WERE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BY JUDGE DOWNING.
14 THE ADVOCATES WERE PREVENTED FROM DOING THEIR JOBS TO SUPPORT
15 THEIR CLIENT AND FORCED TO SIT IN THE BACK OF THE COURTROOM.
16 IN ADDITION, JUDGE DOWNEY ASKED ME MOCKINGLY IF I WANTED TO
17 SIT IN THE BACK WITH MY ADVOCATE, IMPLYING I WAS NOT AN EQUAL
18 TO THE OTHERS AT THE TABLE. THIS PROBLEM IS DEEP ROOTED AND
19 NEEDS MORE THAN A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT, PLEASE?

22

23 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU. NO, DO NOT ADOPT THESE
24 RECOMMENDATIONS. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE HAVE AN INFLUX OF
25 CHILDREN FROM ILLEGAL FELONS AND LATINO GANG BANGERS. YOU CALL

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1 THEM ANCHOR BABIES WE AS LEGAL LAW-ABIDING TAXPAYERS CAN'T
2 ABSORB THIS HUGE COST. IT'S A MASSIVE FINANCIAL BURDEN TO
3 SHOULDER, ESPECIALLY WHILE WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF AN
4 ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED MARKET. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, WE HAVE A
5 LEGAL, ETHICAL AND MORAL OBLIGATION FIRST AND FOREMOST TO OUR
6 LEGAL LAW-ABIDING AMERICAN CHILDREN, NOT ILLEGALS. DEPORT
7 THEM. THEY ARE BETTER OFF. OUR LEGAL LAW-ABIDING AMERICAN
8 CHILDREN ARE BEING LEFT BEHIND AND TREATED AS SECOND CLASS
9 CITIZENS IN ALL SERVICES. AS A LATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE
10 WILLIAM REHNQUIST SAID "ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS HAVE NO ILLEGAL
11 STANDING IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA." THEREFORE, WE AGAIN
12 ASK YOU TO USE PRUDENCE AND AGAIN ECONOMICS, ECONOMICS,
13 ECONOMICS. AMERICAN CHILDREN ARE A PRIORITY. OKAY? IF YOU WANT
14 TO SUPPORT THESE CHILDREN, YOU PAY IT FORTH OUT OF YOUR OWN
15 POCKET. THANK YOU, SIR.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** FIOR CAMPER, JANICE SPIRE, DENISE PAZ TO
18 BE FOLLOWED BY PATRICK O'ROURKE. WINY WECHSLER. JOHN WALSH.
19 AND DR. CLAVREUL.

20

21 **FIOR CAMPERO:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR, SUPERVISOR MOLINA,
22 SUPERVISOR THOMAS, RIDLEY-THOMAS. MY NAME'S FIOR CAMPERO. I AM
23 A RELATIVE CAREGIVER HERE WITH THE COMMUNITY COALITION. I AM
24 RAISING FOUR OF MY NIECES AND NEPHEWS. THE CHILDREN WERE
25 PLACED BY THE D.C.F.S. I'M GETTING \$720 IN CALWORKS FOR ALL OF

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1 THEM. IF YOU TAKE THAT IMPORTANT STEP OF ADOPTING KINSHIP
2 PARITY, FAMILIES LIKE MINE WILL HAVE THE RESERVE TO MATCH THE
3 LOAD THAT WE HAVE FOR OUR CHILDREN. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF
4 CAREGIVERS HERE JUST LIKE ME WHO ARE RELIANT ON YOUR
5 LEADERSHIP TO EASE THE STRESS OF KEEPING OUR FAMILIES
6 TOGETHER. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

9

10 **DENISE PAZ:** THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU HAVE?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, YOU ARE?

13

14 **DENISE PAZ:** I'M DENISE PAZ. THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU HAVE
15 A WEAK BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. NO SAFETY NET AND AN UNDEVELOPED
16 INFRASTRUCTURE. SOMEBODY ENABLING THIS _____ DEPARTMENT OF
17 D.C.F.S. HARMING FAMILY AND CHILDREN. WE THINK IT'S GOING TO
18 TAKE MORE THAN JUST TRYING TO PROVIDE THREE D.R.C.S. WEEP NEED
19 TO PROSECUTE SOCIAL WORKERS WHO IGNORE THE 60 CALLS THAT WERE
20 CALLED IN BEFORE GABRIEL FERNANDEZ WAS FOUND DEAD. THINK ABOUT
21 IT. WHAT WOULD KEEP THE SOCIAL WORKERS FROM COMMITTING A
22 CRIME? FEAR OF PUNISHMENT, OF COURSE. SERIOUS CRIMES SHOULD
23 OFFER SERIOUS PUNISHMENTS BY PROSECUTING THESE SOCIAL WORKERS.
24 THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

2

3 **JANICE SPIRE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JANICE SPIRE, I'M THE
4 C.E.O. FOR THE ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS. WE ARE
5 DEDICATED SOLELY TO PROTECTING AND SUPPORTING CHILDREN AT HIGH
6 RISK, PARTICULARLY CHILDREN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S FOSTER
7 CARE SYSTEM. WE APPLAUD THE EFFORTS AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF
8 THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION FOR ITS EXPANSIVE VIEW OF CHILD
9 SAFETY. IT LOOKED BEYOND THE FRONTLINES OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE
10 AND IT INCLUDED SAFETY OF CHILDREN DEEP IN THE FOSTER CARE
11 SYSTEM, CHILDREN WHOSE PLACEMENTS DISRUPT, WHOSE SCHOOL
12 STABILITY IS CONTINUALLY COMPROMISED. IT LOOKED AT THE KATIE
13 A. COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS AND IT INCLUDED MENTAL HEALTH AND
14 CHILD DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF THE CHILD AS A PRIORITY. WE ARE
15 PLEASED THAT IT INCLUDED EQUITABLE SUPPORT OF CHILDREN PLACED
16 WITH RELATIVES, RELATIVES WHO ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR CHILD'S
17 WELFARE SYSTEM. WE HOPE THAT THE CHALLENGES OF THE LEGAL
18 STRUCTURE, THE BUDGET, THE UNION ISSUES, CONFIDENTIALITY, DATA
19 SHARING AND THE LIKE WILL NOT BE USED AS REASONS TO DELAY OR
20 DISMISS IMPLEMENTING THESE RECOMMENDATIONS.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **JANICE SPIRE:** WE CAN'T PUT A SHORT-TERM PRICE TAG ON
25 PROTECTING CHILDREN IN THIS GREAT COUNTY.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

3

4 **JANICE SPIRE:** SO AS A FINAL NOTE, PLEASE CALL ON COMMUNITY
5 ORGANIZATIONS, ADVISORY GROUPS AND THE VOICES AND NEEDS OF
6 PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES TO HELP IN IMPLEMENTING THESE
7 RECOMMENDATIONS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** MY NAME IS PATRICK O'ROURKE FROM SANTA
12 MONICA. AND I SUPPORT SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE
13 BOARD HAS MADE. BUT THEY DO NOT GO FAR ENOUGH. GOVERNMENT
14 ACCOUNTABILITY IS AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH PRIORITY ISSUE. THESE
15 CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE, INCLUDING MYSELF, A FORMER FOSTER
16 YOUTH, ARE AT RISK BECAUSE D.C.F.S. FOSTER HOMES AND THE CARE
17 WORKERS ARE NOT ACCOUNTABLE. PUTTING A CZAR UP THERE IN CHARGE
18 OF D.C.F.S. WHO WORKS FOR D.C.F.S. IS LIKE PUTTING THE FOX IN
19 CHARGE OF THE HEN HOUSE. MAKING D.C.F.S. ACCOUNTABLE HAS BEEN
20 THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AND IT'S THE ONE THING THAT THE JUDGES
21 THAT COMMANDED YOU TO HAVE THESE HEARINGS HAS ASKED FOR. CHILD
22 DEATHS ARE AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH BECAUSE D.C.F.S. FAILS TO OBEY
23 THIS BOARD. FAILS TO OBEY THE CONSTITUTION. AND FAILS TO
24 FOLLOW THE LAW. AND HAVING ME AT ONE MINUTE IS TANTAMOUNT TO
25 LIMITING MY VOICE AS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AS A CONCERNED

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1 FOSTER YOUTH AND AS A CONCERNED PARENT. YOU HAVE LIMITED MY
2 SPEECH. YOU HAVE LIMITED MY POWERS. AND YOU HAVE LIMITED MY
3 ABILITY TO INFLUENCE YOU. BUT I TELL YOU THIS: ONCE YOU
4 IMPLEMENT DECISIVE CHANGES TOWARD GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY IN
5 DC.F.S. YOU WILL SEE POSITIVE CHANGES. DON'T REMOVE KIDS FROM
6 HOMES THAT ARE IN JUST MINOR DISREPAIR.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR.

9

10 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** ONLY CHILDREN IN DANGER SHOULD BE REMOVED.

11

12 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG OR
13 JWALSHCONFIDENTIAL. LOOK. I WAS HERE 30 YEARS AGO, OKAY? WHEN
14 DEANE DANA, YOUR BOSS, WAS HERE. WHEN ED EDELMAN, WHEN KENNY
15 HAHN. WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH D.C.F.S. THEN. THE
16 PROBLEM HERE IS NOT INTERNAL. THE PROBLEM IS POLITICAL. THE
17 PROBLEM ARE THESE FIVE PEOPLE. THIS IS THE WORST D.C.F.S. IN
18 CALIFORNIA. THERE IS NO OTHER D.C.F.S. THE CHILDREN WERE
19 TREATED WELL 30 YEARS AGO. THE BLOOD OF THESE CHILDREN ARE ON
20 YOUR 10 HANDS. NOW, I WASN'T HERE EVERY MEETING FOR THE LAST
21 30 YEARS BECAUSE I MANAGED TO SQUEEZE IN A QUARTER OF A
22 CENTURY AS AN L.A.U.S.D. TEACHER. YOU CAN GO CHECK IT UP. YOU
23 SHOULD BE HANGING YOUR HEADS IN SHAME AND YOUR RED RIBBON
24 COMMITTEE, YOUR BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE, YOUR BROWN RIBBON

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1 COMMITTEE, NONE OF IT. FOLD THOSE COMMITTEE RIBBONS UP. AND
2 YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THEM.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THEY LOVE THE APPLAUSE. GO
5 AHEAD, MA'AM.

6

7 **WINNY WECHSLER:** I'M WINNY WECHSLER AND I'M PLEASED TO BE HERE
8 TODAY REPRESENTING FOSTER CARE COUNTS, A NONPROFIT
9 ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO RAISING AWARENESS OF THE NEEDS OF
10 FOSTER YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE THE
11 PRIVILEGE OF WORKING EVERY DAY WITH OUR FRIENDS AT THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, IN THE COURTS AND
13 AT COMMUNITY-BASED AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, WHICH ARE
14 DEDICATED TO HELPING TO INSURE THAT CHILDREN IN NEED ARE CARED
15 FOR APPROPRIATELY. THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION PROVIDES THE
16 BOARD WITH THE FACTS TO JUSTIFY ITS TAKING ACTION TO ENCOURAGE
17 COLLABORATION AMONG THE AGENCIES UNDER ITS PURVIEW, SOMETHING
18 THAT'S BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE BUT NOT IMPLEMENTED
19 EFFECTIVELY. YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO FIX THAT TODAY. AND WE
20 URGE THAT YOU DO SO BY SHOWING YOUR SUPPORT FOR THESE
21 THOUGHTFUL, RESPONSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS. THE BALL IS IN YOUR
22 COURT. ON BEHALF OF HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS WHO DEVOTE THEIR
23 TIME IN SUPPORT OF FOSTER YOUTH AND FAMILIES, WE ASK THAT YOU
24 HEED THE ADVICE PROVIDED IN THIS COMPREHENSIVE REPORT AND MAKE

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1 THE CHANGES IT RECOMMENDS. AND THEN FOLLOW THROUGH TO ENSURE
2 THAT THEY'RE PROPERLY IMPLEMENTED. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ONE LAST CALL FOR DR.
5 CLAVREUL, ARE YOU STILL HERE? I CAN'T SEE OVER THERE. SHE
6 LEFT? OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM'S BEFORE US. YEAH, PHILIP?
7 PLEASE. MR. ANTONOVICH?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** INSTANCES WHEN A DEPENDENCY COURT OR JUDGE OR
10 COMMISSIONER HAS IGNORED RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT
11 AND RETURNED THE CHILD TO AN UNSAFE HOME ONLY TO HAVE IT
12 RESULT IN A TRAGEDY, I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT MOVING
13 FORWARD THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COURT WOULD BE
14 PROVIDED TO THIS BOARD WHEN IT IS IN CONFLICT WITH THE
15 DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS. AND WHAT IS THE POLICY RIGHT NOW
16 WHEN THE COURT OVERRULES THE DEPARTMENT AND IN THE END, THE
17 CHILD ENDS UP SEVERELY ABUSED OR KILLED?

18

19 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I THINK THERE ARE A COUPLE OF ACTIONS THAT
20 THE DEPARTMENT CAN TAKE. WE TAKE THOSE OVER AT THE MONTEREY
21 CHILDREN'S COURT WHEN A DECISION IS MADE THAT IS NOT BASED ON
22 THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT, THEN WE CAN ASK FOR
23 RECONSIDERATION OR ASK FOR AN ADVERSE -- FOR THEM TO RE-LOOK
24 AT THIS. OFTENTIMES WHEN THEY DON'T, WE HAVE AN OPTION TO FILE
25 A FORMAL WRIT WHICH WOULD GO UP FOR AN APPEAL. AND THERE ARE

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1 SITUATIONS WHERE WE'VE DONE THAT AND HAVE ACTUALLY PREVAILED.
2 I THINK YOU HAVE A GOOD IDEA ABOUT TRYING TO IDENTIFY THOSE
3 SITUATIONS WHERE THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS ONE THING, THE
4 COURT OVERRULES THE RECOMMENDATION. I THINK WE CAN TRACK THAT.
5 I DON'T BELIEVE WE HAVE BEEN TRACKING THAT. BUT THAT'S
6 PROBABLY SOMETHING WE CAN DO WITHOUT AN AWFUL LOT OF EFFORT. I
7 THINK YOU HAVE A GREAT IDEA TO IDENTIFY WHAT THE SITUATION IS.
8 THERE HAVE BEEN CERTAIN JUDICIAL OFFICERS WHERE WE HAVE TAKEN
9 ACTION TO SCRUTINIZE THOSE INDIVIDUALS BECAUSE OF SOME OF THE
10 DECISIONS THAT WERE COMING DOWN.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVE YOU EVER DONE A PROFILE ON THOSE
13 CHILDREN THAT ENDED UP SEVERELY ABUSED OR KILLED WHERE THE
14 JUDGE OVERRULED THE DEPARTMENT AND PLACED THEM IN THAT UNSAFE
15 HOME?

16

17 **PHILIP BROWNING:** ANY TIME -- SUPERVISOR, ANY TIME THERE'S A
18 CRITICAL INCIDENT OR A FATALITY, WE TAKE APART THE CASE. AND
19 WE CERTAINLY LOOK TO SEE WHERE THERE WAS A DECISION MADE OVER
20 THE OBJECTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT. AND THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL
21 SITUATIONS JUST IN MY SHORT TENURE HERE WHERE THERE WAS AN
22 ISSUE. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE BROUGHT THAT TO THE BOARD'S
23 ATTENTION OTHER THAN IN AN ANECDOTAL MANNER. BUT THAT'S
24 CERTAINLY SOMETHING.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION. ALSO
2 THOSE TYPES OF JUDGES WHO ARE COMMISSIONERS, WE SHOULD FILE
3 AGAINST THEM SO THAT THE CHILD'S CASE WOULD BE HEARD BY A
4 DIFFERENT JUDICIAL OFFICER.

5

6 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I THINK WE DO THAT IF WE BELIEVE THAT THERE'S
7 SOME SORT OF A PATTERN. AND I DON'T SEE --

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. WHEN A PATTERN
10 DOES DEVELOP. MR. FUJIOKA, LAST WEEK I HAD ASKED FOR THE
11 REPORT ON THE APPROPRIATIONS FROM FUNDING SOURCES WHICH
12 INDICATED NEARLY \$7 BILLION WAS SPENT. BUT IT DOES NOT INCLUDE
13 SPENDING FROM EXTERNAL AGENCIES SUCH AS FIRST FIVE L.A., THE
14 LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY OR OTHERS. AND COULD
15 WE HAVE IN WRITING A REPORT AS TO THE TOTAL COSTS? THE MOTION
16 THAT CREATED THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR
17 A REVIEW OF THE M.O.U. THAT DICTATES DISCIPLINE AND TRANSFER
18 POLICIES. COULD WE HAVE A REPORT BACK AS TO WHAT OPTIONS THE
19 BOARD HAS TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES THAT HAMPERS THE ABILITY TO
20 PROVIDE QUALITY SERVICES TO THESE CHILDREN SO THAT THE BOARD
21 CAN HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE SPECIFICS ARE SO WE COULD
22 TAKE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION JUST AS WE'VE DONE IN PROBATION, WE
23 SHOULD DO IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES?

24

25 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ABSOLUTELY. GIVE BOTH REPORTS TO YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'VE GOT A NUMBER OF ITEMS BEFORE US.
5 ROBERTS RULES SAYS I SHOULD CHAIR OPERATE FROM THE BACK
6 FORWARD, TAKING THE LAST MOTION BEFORE US. THE LAST DOCUMENT
7 PUT IN FRONT OF US IS THE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
8 YES?

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** ON THE OVERALL ITEMS, YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT WE
11 HAVE TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO START THE PROCESS OF TELLING THEM
12 WHAT TO DO. I THINK THAT IT'S SO IMPORTANT. I THINK THAT ONE
13 OF THE FREEDOMS THAT THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION HAD WAS WE LET
14 OUR COMMISSIONERS BE. WE LET OUR COMMISSIONERS LISTEN TO
15 EVERYONE. WE LET OUR COMMISSIONERS INCORPORATE. AND WE LET
16 THEM THINK CREATIVELY AND EVEN CHALLENGE SOME OF US AS TO HOW
17 WE HAVE BEEN MOVING FORWARD ON THESE THINGS. THERE IS SO MUCH
18 IN THAT REPORT. AND THERE IS NO DOUBT I COULD TAKE ISSUE WITH
19 SOME OF THOSE THINGS. AND I DID WHEN I WAS READING IT. BUT AT
20 THE SAME TIME I HAD TO SIT BACK AND SAY: YOU KNOW, WE NEED TO
21 ALLOW TO HAVE AN INDEPENDENT, CREATIVE VOICE. ONE OF THE
22 BIGGEST PROBLEMS IN ALL OF OUR ISSUES AS GOVERNMENT AND
23 CERTAINLY AS COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS: I KNOW THAT WE ARE ELECTED.
24 AND WE NEED TO RESPECT AND HONOR THE ROLES THAT WE HAVE AND
25 EACH OTHER IN THIS PROCESS. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE A

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1 TENDENCY TO WANT TO FIT EVERYTHING AS OUR PRIORITY. AND I
2 THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE CAN DO IS WE CAN LADEN THIS
3 MOTION. I TRIED TO MAKE IT AS MINIMALIST AS I COULD IN
4 ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS, IN CREATING A BASIC TRANSITION
5 TEAM TO AT LEAST GIVE THOUGHT TO IMPLEMENTATION AND INTERFACE
6 WITH FOLKS AND NOT OVERBURDENING IT WITH EVERYONE. THERE'S
7 PROBABLY 12 MORE PEOPLE THAT COULD BE ON THAT TRANSITION TEAM
8 OR 12 MORE DEPARTMENTS. BUT WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE IT AS
9 EFFECTIVE AS POSSIBLE. AND THEN TRY AND CREATE THIS OFFICE OF
10 CHILD PROTECTION THAT IS TRULY INDEPENDENT. I KNOW THAT MANY
11 OF US ARE INTERESTED IN: I WANT THIS TO BE THEIR PRIORITY, I
12 WANT THIS TO MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION, I'D LIKE THEM TO DO THIS.
13 KEEP IN MIND AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE AS SUPERVISORS HAVE THE
14 POWER. AND THE POINT IS IS THAT I JUST WOULD LIKE AS MUCH AS
15 POSSIBLE -- WHILE I HAVE SEEN MANY OF YOUR AMENDMENTS, MY
16 BIGGEST ISSUE IS TO ALLOW THEM TO EXIST IN A FASHION THAT
17 GIVES THEM THE INDEPENDENCE TO CONTINUE THEIR CREATIVITY AND
18 THEIR THOUGHTFULNESS AS TO HOW THEY MOVE FORWARD. SO I KNOW
19 THAT YOU HAVE A LOT OF DIFFERENT MOTIONS. AND I'VE MADE
20 COMMENTARY AND I'D LIKE TO CONTINUE TO DO SO. BUT I DO HOPE
21 THAT YOU WOULD ALLOW THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS TO EXIST,
22 THE TRANSITION TEAM TO MOVE FORWARD AS WE STATED IT IN
23 SIMPLICITY AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, ALLOW THE OFFICE OF CHILD
24 PROTECTION TO BE TRULY INDEPENDENT. I THINK IF WE REALLY THINK
25 ABOUT IT, THEY'RE PROBABLY GOING THE THINK LIKE US. THERE ARE

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1 PRIORITIES AND CHILD SAFETY SHOULD BE THE FIRST PRIORITY. BUT,
2 YOU KNOW, IF WE START LADENING IT WITH ALL KINDS OF
3 RECOMMENDATIONS, THEN THEY'RE GOING TO GO BACK, AS WE ALWAYS
4 DO, AND REDIRECT THEM. AND I'D LIKE TO THINK OF THEM AS
5 INDEPENDENT AS POSSIBLE. AND I'D LIKE TO CHAMPION THEIR
6 INDEPENDENCE. AND I'D LIKE TO ENCOURAGE EACH OF YOU TO TRUST
7 THEIR INDEPENDENCE. AND SO I KNOW THAT ALL OF YOUR MOTIONS ARE
8 WELL INTENDED. BUT VERY FRANKLY, WHY CAN'T WE ALLOW THEM TO BE
9 INDEPENDENT? WHY CAN'T WE TRUST THEIR JUDGMENT? WHY CAN'T
10 WE TRUST TO PUT TOGETHER A SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND
11 IMPLEMENTATION IDEAS AND FUNDING IDEAS THAT WILL BE PRESENTED
12 TO THE BOARD? I THINK THAT'S THE KEY.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. AGAIN, THE ITEMS ARE BEFORE
15 US. THROUGH ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, I START WITH THE FIRST
16 ONE, AND THAT WOULD BE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION TO
17 PUT ON THE TABLE. I ASSUME YOU MOVED THAT MOTION, SUPERVISOR
18 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH MOTION IS THAT?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY THOMAS'
23 MOTION. I'M STARTING AT THE BACK. ROBERT'S RULES SAYS I TAKE
24 THE LASTS MOTION FIRST.

25

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND YOU GOT MY MOTION.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE GOT YOURS, WE GOT MIKE'S, WE GOT
4 GLORIA'S, WE GOT MINE. I MEAN, I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH --
5 MY ONLY THING WITH THE TRANSITION IS I WOULD PREFER SOMETHING
6 LIKE A BOOLEAN TYPE MONITOR VERSUS ANOTHER LAYER OF
7 BUREAUCRACY. I'M NOT TRYING TO STIFLE CREATIVITY BUT I'M
8 TRYING TO GET THINGS DONE AND MAKE THINGS HAPPEN. IT'S THE
9 PURPOSE OF MY MOTION. IT'S NOT TO OVERRIDE ANYTHING. BUT I
10 THINK, AGAIN, CREATING ALL THESE NEW LEVELS OF BUREAUCRACY
11 DOESN'T PUT THE MONEY WHERE THE NEED IS AND THAT'S WITH THE
12 KIDS. SO WE'LL PUT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION ON THE
13 TABLE. I'LL SECOND IT. WE CAN VOTE IT UP OR DOWN. WE CAN ADD
14 THE AMENDMENTS. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND SUPERVISOR
15 ANTONOVICH TO THAT. OR WE CAN VOTE THAT DOWN AND GO WITH
16 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S. IT'S THE PLEASURE OF THE BOARD. BUT ON
17 THE TABLE NOW WITH THE MOTION AND SECOND IS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
18 THOMAS'S MOTION.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO SPEAK AGAINST THIS MOTION. AGAIN, NOT
25 THAT IT'S NOT WELL-INTENTIONED. IT IS VERY WELL-INTENTIONED.

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1 BUT IT DOES CRIPPLE THE INDEPENDENCE. IT IS PUTTING BACK IN
2 SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE BACK INTO THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE
3 USING THE REPORT THAT THEY DID AS A ROAD MAP. IT ESTABLISHES A
4 MULTI-DEPARTMENTAL TEAM. THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT WE COULD
5 PROBABLY USE A COUNTY-WIDE CHILD-CENTERED FAMILY-FOCUSED
6 STRATEGIC PLAN. BUT IT INCLUDES ALL THE DEPARTMENTS. IT GOES
7 BACK TO THE STATUS QUO. I THINK IT'S A PROBLEM. AND THEN AGAIN
8 IT STARTS PRIORITIZING FOR THE TEAM OF WHAT TO DO. I THINK IF
9 WE COULD ALLOW THE TRANSITION TEAM TO MAKE ITS OWN, IT CAN IT
10 DEVELOP AND EVALUATE THESE THINGS ON THEIR OWN. THEY CAN MAKE
11 THEIR OWN RECOMMENDATIONS. WE SHOULD GIVE THEM AS OF
12 INDEPENDENCE AS WE GAVE THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION TEAM
13 POSSIBLE INSTEAD OF TELLING THEM WHAT TO DO. I JUST AM OPPOSED
14 TO THIS BECAUSE IT GOES BACK IN PRIORITIZING FORM. IT'S CHERRY
15 PICKING. I THINK YOU SHOULD ALLOW THE TRANSITION TEAM TO
16 REALLY BE AS CREATIVE AND AS THOUGHTFUL AS THEY POSSIBLY CAN.
17 EVERY SINGLE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE COMMISSION MADE WAS
18 THOUGHTFUL AND IMPORTANT. AND I DON'T WANT TO MAKE A
19 DETERMINATION OF WHAT I THINK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN OTHERS. I
20 WOULD HOPE. AND SO FOR THAT REASON, I DON'T SUPPORT SUPERVISOR
21 MARK RIDLEY'S MOTION BECAUSE IT BEGINS THE PROCESS OF
22 DESTROYING THE INDEPENDENCE THAT WE NEED HERE AND AGAIN
23 PUTTING PEOPLE ON THIS BOARD THAT IS MAKING IT HEAVIER. THERE
24 ARE A LOT OF FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN DOING THIS WORK FOR A LONG
25 TIME. AGAIN, YOU START MAKING IT SO BIG AND -- WHY DON'T YOU

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1 JUST ALLOW IT TO HAPPEN AS WAS RECOMMENDED TO US? IT WAS
2 THOUGHTFUL IN THEIR RECOMMENDATION. AND I THINK THIS BEGINS
3 THE PROCESS OF TELLING THEM WHAT TO DO AND DESTROYS THEIR
4 INDEPENDENCE.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I MAY, THE SIGNIFICANT
7 POINT OF DISTINCTION THAT I THINK CAN BE DRAWN HERE IS AS
8 FOLLOWS: OF BOTH SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, IF WE WERE TO
9 SYNTHESIZE THOSE TWO MOTIONS, THAT IS THE RIDLEY-THOMAS MOTION
10 AND THE YAROSLAVSKY MOTION, WE WILL HAVE EFFECTIVELY CAPTURED
11 THE THRUST OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS,
12 THE BEST OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE BY ALL
13 FIVE OF US. AND WE CAN THEN MOVE FORWARD WITH THE APPROPRIATE
14 SEMBLANCE OF CONSENSUS. THE ONE DISTINGUISHING FEATURE THAT I
15 WISH TO HIGHLIGHT IS THAT OF THE MEDICAL HUBS. I BELIEVE IT
16 SHOULD BE COUNTYWIDE. I DO NOT BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE ANY SINGLE
17 DISTRICT. I BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE THE MEDICAL CAMPUSES
18 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY SO THAT THE FULL EFFECT IN A PRIORITIZED
19 FASHION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION
20 CAN BE REALIZED. THAT'S EMBEDDED IN MY MOTION. ADD TO THAT THE
21 1, 2, 3 AND 5 POINTS OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION THAT
22 SIGNIFICANTLY PICKS UP WHAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS BROUGHT
23 FORWARD. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF PIECES THAT, MR. CHAIRMAN, YOU
24 HAVE PUT INTO PLACE THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY SUPPORTED MY MOTION.
25 SO THE THRUST OF WHAT CAN AND SHOULD HAPPEN NOW TO EFFECT

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1 CONSENSUS AND REALIZE FORWARD MOVEMENT SUCH THAT WE CAN ACT
2 TODAY IS A SYNTHESIS OF THE YAROSLAVSKY MOTION, THE KNABE
3 MOTION AS WELL AS THAT WHICH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAVE
4 BROUGHT FORWARD THAT TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION THAT WHICH
5 SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS PUT FORTH. AND MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD SO
6 MOVE.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, LET ME OFFER, SUPERVISOR MARK
9 RIDLEY-THOMAS THREE FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS. ONE ON ITEM 1.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IN ADDITION TO THE TWO THAT YOU PUT OUT?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. ON HIS MOTION THAT'S BEFORE US RIGHT
14 NOW. WHERE IT INCLUDES ITEM 1, THAT WE WOULD INCLUDE THE
15 DETAILED COST AND FRAMEWORK ASKING THE C.E.O. TO COMPLETE THE
16 REPORT.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN ON THE HUB ISSUE, WE HAVE SOME
21 SERIOUS PROBLEMS ON EXISTING MEDICAL HUBS BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT
22 WORKING AS WELL AS EFFECTIVE. SOMETIMES IT TAKES A MONTH TO
23 GET AN APPOINTMENT. FOUR WEEKS. PARTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
24 ANGELES DO NOT HAVE PEDIATRICIANS IN THEIR HUB. AND SO WHAT I
25 WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS THAT THE REPORT ON HOW TO IMPROVE THOSE

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1 MEDICAL HUBS AND PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES BEFORE WE EXPAND IT. SO,
2 AGAIN, I KNOW IN ANTELOPE VALLEY, THEY DO NOT HAVE A FULL-TIME
3 PEDIATRICIAN. AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A REPORT HOW WE IMPROVE
4 THOSE MEDICAL HUBS AND REDUCE THAT WAIT TIME OF A MONTH.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO QUESTION ABOUT IT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN THE LAST ONE, ON D, WE WOULD HAVE
9 ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION AND ONE
10 REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILY
11 SERVICES INSTEAD OF THREE FROM EACH OF THOSE. WHERE IT SAYS UP
12 TO THREE REPRESENTATIVES? HAVE ONE EACH FROM THOSE.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** ARE YOU SUPPORTING THE OVERALL MOTION?

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WITH THOSE AMENDMENTS, I WOULD SUPPORT THAT.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. I'M FINE WITH THAT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON YOUR MOTION, MARK, I'M SORRY, WHY IS
21 FIRST FIVE NOW INCLUDED? THAT HASN'T BEEN -- DO YOU HAVE ANY
22 OBJECTION TO --

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NOT HAVING THEM?

25

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOT HAVING THEM?

2

3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO. IT WAS JUST ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE
4 ENTITIES. SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: MR. CHAIRMAN, DO WE HAVE OTHER
5 ITEMS THAT WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF?

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WAS GOING TO MAKE A SUGGESTION AFTER
8 YOU'RE FINISHED WITH THE QUESTIONS, I MEAN, WE'RE DOING THE A
9 LOT OF MASSAGING HERE AND CHANGING. I THINK AT ONE POINT WE
10 NEED A DOCUMENT TO WORK OFF OF. I WAS GOING TO MAKE A
11 SUGGESTION WE MOVE TO OTHER PARTS OF THE AGENDA AND HAVE FOLKS
12 SORT OF WORK THIS OUT AS IT RELATES TO ONE DOCUMENT IN FRONT
13 OF US. YOU KNOW, I HAVE A CONCERN IN YOUR MOTION, SUPERVISOR
14 YAROSLAVSKY ON ITEM NO. 1. I WOULD PREFER TO BE THAT BE A
15 DROOYAN TYPE MONITOR INSTEAD OF THE RECOMMENDATION IN YOUR
16 PARTICULAR MOTION. SO I STILL HAVE ISSUES WITH IT. THE
17 REDUCTION AS IT RELATES TO MIKE'S, I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH
18 REDUCING THE NUMBERS OF MEMBERS. AGAIN, I OBJECTED TO THE
19 RECOMMENDATION OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION OF 19 MEMBERS.
20 YOU CAN'T EVEN PICK A MENU FOR 19 FOLKS. SO ARE YOU CONTENT
21 WITH THAT? THEN WE'LL HAVE A DOCUMENT IN FRONT OF US. THEN
22 SUPERVISOR MOLINA WILL HAVE HER ENTIRE MOTION AS SHE'S
23 PRESENTED. AND THAT MIGHT BE A BETTER WORK. AND BASICALLY MY
24 MOTION IS -- MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS SORT OF DID WHAT I DID ON MY
25 MOTION, SO I'M WILLING TO WORK OFF THAT. THERE ARE STILL SOME

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1 CONCERNS THAT I HAVE. SO LET'S PUT THAT ON THE TABLE. WE'LL
2 HAVE THE FOLKS TRY TO GET TOGETHER ON A DOCUMENT SO WE'LL HAVE
3 SOMETHING TO COMPARE TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION. OKAY? AND
4 THEN WE'LL GO BACK TO THE REGULAR AGENDA. SO SUPERVISOR
5 MOLINA, DID YOU HOLD ANY OTHER ITEMS OTHER THAN YOUR PARKS
6 THING?

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? I
11 BELIEVE YOU HELD ITEM NO. 13. NO, IT ALREADY PASSED? OKAY.
12 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU HELD ITEM 71?

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES, MR. CHAIRMAN.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 4 AND 6 HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH?

17

18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** YES.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK THE REGISTRAR- RECORDER, MR. LOGAN
21 IS HERE AND HE HAS AN INFORMATIVE REPORT TO PRESENT FROM WHICH
22 WE WILL BENEFIT.

23

24 **DEAN LOGAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. DEAN LOGAN
25 REGISTRAR-RECORDER/ COUNTY CLERK. THIS ITEM RESPONDS TO A

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1 REQUEST BY YOUR BOARD LAST WEEK FOR ME TO COME IN AND ADDRESS
2 ISSUES THAT CAME UP IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY. SO WE
3 HAVE PREPARED A VERY BRIEF VIDEO JUST TO PUT THAT IN CONTEXT
4 AND THEN I WILL FOLLOW THAT UP WITH ALSO BRIEF REMARKS AND
5 THEN TAKE QUESTIONS.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. (VIDEO). [MUSIC.]

8

9 **DEAN LOGAN:** SUPERVISOR, THE PURPOSE OF THE VIDEO IS SIMPLY TO
10 PUT INTO CONTEXT THE PROFILE OF THE ELECTION AND TO GIVE YOU A
11 VISUAL PERSPECTIVE OF THE ISSUES THAT RAISED IN THE POST-
12 ELECTION MEDIA. THIS REALLY BOILED DOWN TO THREE AREAS. FIRST
13 BEING AN ISSUE OF POLL WORKER RECRUITMENT. SECOND THE ISSUE OF
14 REPORTS OF LATE OPENING OF POLLS. AND, THIRD, THE ISSUE OF LOW
15 TURNOUT. AND I'LL TRY TO AN ADDRESS THOSE BRIEFLY IN MY
16 REMARKS. ON ELECTION DAY -- PARDON ME? THE PROVISIONAL
17 BALLOTS? YES. AND OF COURSE WE HAVE A WRITTEN REPORT THAT'S
18 DUE AT THE END OF THE CANVASS ON THAT ISSUE BECAUSE WE'RE
19 STILL GOING THROUGH THAT CANVASS PROCESS. SO ON ELECTION DAY
20 THERE WERE A NUMBER OF REPORTS THAT SUGGESTED SOME LOS ANGELES
21 COUNTY VOTERS WERE NOT ABLE TO VOTE OR THAT SOME POLLING
22 PLACES WERE ILL EQUIPPED TO SERVE VOTERS. THESE REPORTS CAME
23 VIA SOCIAL MEDIA, FROM NEWS MEDIA BLOGS AND FROM TWITTER
24 REPORTS FROM STUDENTS AT LOYOLA MARYMONT WHO MONITOR POLLING
25 PLACES AS PART OF THE UNIVERSITY'S SURVEY OF POLLING PLACE

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1 QUALITY. WHILE THIS REPORTING HIGHLIGHTED ALBEIT OFTEN IN A
2 MAGNIFIED FASHION SOME VERY REAL ISSUES THAT WE HAD TO CONTEND
3 WITH IN LAST TUESDAY'S ELECTION, THEY DO NOT REFLECT THE
4 OVERALL VOTING EXPERIENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. MORE
5 IMPORTANTLY, THE REPORTING DOES NOT FULLY CAPTURE OR HIGHLIGHT
6 THE SAFEGUARDS, CONTINGENCIES AND RESOURCES THAT WERE
7 MARSHALLED TO ENSURE THAT ANY CHALLENGES WERE MITIGATED
8 QUICKLY TO ENSURE CONTINUOUS VOTING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. A
9 FULL ASSESSMENT OF THE ELECTION SHOWS THAT THANKS TO THE
10 THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO VOLUNTEERED
11 THEIR TIME TO SERVE AS POLL WORKERS AND WHO SHOWED UP, THE
12 ELECTION WAS A SUCCESS. AND THANKS TO THE VOTERS AND
13 STAKEHOLDERS WHO HELP SERVE AS THE EYES AND EARS OF THE VOTING
14 PROCESS ACROSS THE COUNTY, WE IDENTIFIED, TRACKED AND WORKED
15 HARD TO RESOLVE ISSUES THROUGHOUT THE DAY. THE REALITY IS THAT
16 GOING INTO THIS ELECTION, LOW VOTER INTEREST RESULTED IN POLL
17 WORKER SHORTAGES. IN ORDER TO REACH MINIMUM POLL WORKER NEEDS,
18 WE IMPLEMENTED NEW RECRUITMENT STRATEGIES THAT INCLUDED
19 OUTREACH TO HARD TO RECRUIT CITIES, AUTOMATED ROBO CALLS,
20 EMAILS AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH OUR CITY CLERKS. IN ADDITION, THE
21 RESPONSE FROM THE COUNTY FAMILY WAS EXTRAORDINARY. OUR EFFORT
22 INCLUDED CONTACT WITH MORE THAN 21,000 POTENTIAL POLL WORKERS
23 AND SECURING MORE THAN 4,600 POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE
24 ELECTION. A RECORD NUMBER OF 4,000 COUNTY EMPLOYEES WERE
25 DEPLOYED ACROSS THE COUNTY TO ASSIST VOTERS ON ELECTION DAY.

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1 MEDIA REPORTED LATE OPENINGS OR NO VOTING SUPPLIES AT SOME
2 POLLING PLACES. AND THESE WERE ISSUES THAT WE TRACKED VERY
3 CLOSELY. THIS IS DUE TO EITHER THE INSPECTOR NOT SHOWING UP,
4 AND THE INSPECTOR IS THE POLL WORKER WHO HAS ISSUED THE
5 SUPPLIES PRIOR TO ELECTION DATE OR IN SOME CASES POLLING
6 PLACES THAT WE COULD NOT PHYSICALLY GET INTO ON ELECTION DAY
7 ACCORDING TO OUR PRIOR AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, WE HAVE EMERGENCY
8 PROCEDURES IN PLACE TO ENSURE THAT VOTING CAN STILL TAKE
9 PLACE. AND AGAIN THAT'S IMPORTANT TO PUT THIS INTO THE CONTEXT
10 THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 4,600 PLUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE
11 COUNTY. TO ADDRESS THAT, WE HAD CONTINGENCY PLANS THAT
12 INCLUDED 350 ELECTION COORDINATORS, 50 ELECTION TROUBLE-
13 SHOOTERS WHO WERE AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT EMERGENCY VOTING
14 PROCEDURES. IN CASES WHERE TOO FEW POLL WORKERS SHOWED UP, WE
15 DEPLOYED A POOL OF 384 RESERVISTS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT IN THOSE
16 LOCATIONS. IN SOME CASES, WE DID ON-THE-SPOT RECRUIT MANY AND
17 ASKED VOTERS TO HELP US IN FULFILLING THE VOTING
18 RESPONSIBILITY. IN SOME CASES -- AND I WOULD ESTIMATE THAT
19 THIS IS IN ABOUT 15 TO 20 LOCATIONS AT VARYING DEGREES, WE
20 KNOW THAT THE TIME FRAME FOR DEPLOYING THOSE EMERGENCY
21 SUPPLIES AND RELIEF RESOURCES TOOK LONGER THAN IN OTHERS AND
22 THAT IS AN ISSUE WE'RE LOOKING AT VERY CLOSELY MOVING FORWARD.
23 EMERGENCY PROCEDURES ARE IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS THE VERY
24 CIRCUMSTANCES THAT OCCURRED ON TUESDAY. WHILE THE PROCESS IS
25 MORE CUMBERSOME AND LESS DESIRABLE, THE PRIORITY IS TO PROVIDE

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1 THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE VOTER TO CAST A BALLOT AND FOR THAT
2 BALLOT TO BE COUNTED. NO ONE LIKES TO USE EMERGENCY SERVICES
3 BUT WE ALL WANT TO COUNT ON THEM TO BE AVAILABLE WHEN NEEDED.
4 THE DEPARTMENT WORKS YEAR ROUND WITH COMMUNITY AND CITIZEN
5 ORGANIZATIONS TO IDENTIFY WAYS TO ENHANCE THE ELECTIONS
6 PROCESS FOR OUR VOTERS. ON ELECTION DAY, WE ALSO CONDUCT AN
7 ELECTION OBSERVER PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE MONITORING THE POLLS. WE
8 SEND OUT STAFF TO DO EXIT INTERVIEWS WITH VOTERS ABOUT THEIR
9 EXPERIENCE. WE WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE COMMUNITY AND THE
10 ORGANIZATIONS TO RESOLVE ISSUES THEY MIGHT OBSERVE AT THE
11 POLLS ON ELECTION DAY. THIS HAS BEEN IN PLACE SINCE 2008. AS A
12 RESULT, WE ARE ABLE TO ENSURE THAT VOTING IS CONTINUOUS AND
13 VOTERS HAVE A POSITIVE VOTING EXPERIENCE AT THE POLLS. THE
14 REAL CONCERN FOR US THIS ELECTION IS THE ALARMING TREND OF
15 DECLINING VOTER PARTICIPATION. 9 OUT OF EVERY 10 REGISTERED
16 VOTERS DID NOT VOTE IN THE JUNE 3RD, 2013 STATEWIDE ELECTION.
17 WHILE ACADEMIC AND POLITICAL OBSERVERS CAN DEBATE THE CAUSES,
18 WHAT WE CAN SAY IS THAT THE DECLINING VOTER PARTICIPATION IS
19 STARTING TO IMPACT THE ELECTION ADMINISTRATION PROCESS, AS
20 WELL. ONE OF THE VISIBLE IMPACTS IS THE DECLINING INTEREST IN
21 SERVICE AS POLL WORKERS. THIS ELECTION, THE ALARMLY LOW
22 INTEREST IN ELECTION TRANSLATED INTO A COMMENSURATELY LOW
23 INTEREST IN SERVING AS A POLL WORKER. IF DEPARTMENT IS
24 CURRENTLY EXPLORING NEW APPROACHES TO RECRUITMENT AND TO
25 GENERATING INTEREST TO VOLUNTEER AND SERVE. ADDITIONALLY, WE

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1 RECOGNIZE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT OUR CURRENT VOTING MODEL AND
2 THE SYSTEMS EMPLOYED IN THE ELECTION PROCESS ARE DATED AND
3 ANTIQUATED. WE ARE WELL AWARE THESE LIMITATIONS AND WE ARE
4 WORKING TO ADDRESS REGULATORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE BARRIERS AS
5 PART OF OUR EFFORT TO MODERNIZE VOTING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
6 NEW MODELS FOR THE ELECTION LIKE VOTE CENTERS WHICH REQUIRE
7 FEWER POLL WORKERS AND EXPAND EARLY VOTING OPTIONS ARE AMONG
8 THOSE THINGS WE ARE EXPLORING THROUGH OUR VOTING SYSTEMS
9 ASSESSMENT PROJECT WITH THE SUPPORT OF YOUR BOARD. MEANWHILE,
10 WE HAVE TO REMAIN DILIGENT IN MAXIMIZING THE RESOURCES
11 CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO MEET VOTER EXPECTATIONS AND PROVIDE
12 SECURE, TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE ELECTIONS. WE KNOW THAT
13 THERE'S A NEED TO MODERNIZE OUR SYSTEMS, BUT THAT PROCESS IS
14 GOING TO TAKE TIME. SO IN CONCLUSION, AGAIN, I'M HAPPY TO TAKE
15 QUESTIONS. I THINK WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW IS YES, THERE WERE
16 REAL ISSUES IN TUESDAY'S ELECTION. WE'RE AWARE OF THEM. WE
17 ADDRESSED THEM QUICKLY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD
18 CONTINGENCY PROCESSES. EMERGENCY OPENINGS HAPPEN VIRTUALLY IN
19 EVERY JURISDICTION. THEY ARE NOT IDEAL. AND ANY BAD VOTER
20 EXPERIENCE IS SOMETHING WE TAKE SERIOUSLY AND WILL CONTINUE TO
21 LOOK AT. WE ARE CONSTANTLY LOOKING AT OUR SYSTEMS TO IMPROVE
22 THOSE. I THINK POLL WORKER RECRUITMENT IS A KEY ISSUE MOVING
23 FORWARD AS IS VOTER EDUCATION. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I THINK
24 THAT I SHOULD ADD IS THAT IT IS AN ADVANTAGE TO US THAT WE NOW
25 HAVE SOCIAL MEDIA AND THAT WE HAVE REGULAR TRADITIONAL MEDIA

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1 BLOGS THAT ARE GIVING US UPDATES THROUGHOUT THE DAY. THAT'S
2 HOW WE KNEW ABOUT THESE 15 TO 20 LOCATIONS, AND THAT'S HOW WE
3 WERE ABLE TO ADDRESS THEM. I IN SOME CASES WERE ABLE TO HAVE
4 DIRECT COMMUNICATION THROUGH TWITTER WITH VOTERS WHO WERE IN
5 THOSE LOCATIONS AND TO TRY AND ADDRESS THOSE CONCERNS. THAT'S
6 SOMETHING THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE IN THE PAST IN THE JURISDICTION
7 OF THIS SIZE STANDING OVER 4,600 LOCATIONS. THAT'S ABSOLUTELY
8 CRITICAL. BUT THAT ALSO MEANS THAT THOSE ARE GOING TO BE THE
9 CASES THAT ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN THOSE MEDIUMS. YOU'RE NOT GOING
10 THE GET TWITTER REPORTS OF PEOPLE'S GREAT VOTING EXPERIENCES
11 AND WE JUST WANTED TO PUT THAT IN CONTEXT FOR YOU TODAY.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WANT TO THANK MR. LOGAN
14 FOR HIS PRESENTATION. THE ONE REQUEST THAT I WOULD MAKE IS
15 THAT SOME THOUGHT BE GIVEN TO THE VIDEO AND WHETHER IT IS
16 POSTED ON YOUR WEBSITE OR ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE MORE
17 GENERICALLY TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU COULD MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO
18 THE RESPECTIVE BOARD OFFICES, THAT WOULD BE USEFUL TO THEM AS
19 WELL AS THEY SHOULD CHOOSE TO POST. I DO THINK THIS IS A VERY
20 SERIOUS MATTER. TO WHATEVER EXTENT POSSIBLE AS YOU ARE
21 OBVIOUSLY EVIDENCING CAN BE MADE CLEAR TO THE PUBLIC THAT WE
22 DO TAKE ANY HICCUPS, BREACHES, VIOLATIONS, CALL THEM WHAT YOU
23 MAY. WE TAKE THEM VERY SERIOUSLY AND WE ARE DILIGENT IN
24 SEEKING TO RESOLVE THEM. I THINK YOU'VE MADE THAT CLEAR TO US.
25 I THINK THE FOLLOW UP ON THAT QUESTION IS MOST APPROPRIATE. SO

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1 I THANK YOU FOR FOLLOWING THROUGH AND MAKING YET AGAIN A
2 THOROUGH REPORT ON WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO CAUSE US TO HAVE
3 CONFIDENCE THAT THE MATTER IS BEING ATTENDED TO APPROPRIATELY.
4 THANK YOU.

5

6 **DEAN LOGAN:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES, MR. ANTONOVICH.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MANY BALLOTS HAVE YET TO BE COUNTED?

11

12 **DEAN LOGAN:** I DON'T HAVE THE EXACT FIGURE IN FRONT OF ME. I
13 BELIEVE TODAY'S UPDATE WHICH SHOULD BE COMING LITERALLY IN THE
14 NEXT FEW HOURS SHOULD BE A SUBSTANTIAL UPDATE. OVER 100,000
15 ADDITIONAL BALLOTS ADDED TODAY. SO TODAY'S UPDATE WILL BE
16 PROBABLY THE MOST SIGNIFICANT POST-ELECTION UPDATE. AND THEN
17 WE WILL GO INTO THE MORE CLEANUP BALLOTS THAT REQUIRE --

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LAST WEEK WAS APPROXIMATELY 140 OR 160,000
20 BALLOTS. THIS WEEK YOU THINK IT WILL BE HALF OF THAT?

21

22 **DEAK LOGAN:** PARDON ME?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO YOU THINK IT WILL BE IN THE RANGE OF ABOUT
25 HALF OF THAT NUMBER?

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1

2 **DEAN LOGAN:** I THINK IT WILL BE HIGHER THAN HALF OF THAT
3 NUMBER. I THINK IT WILL BE OVER 100,000.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVE ANY OF THE BALLOTS THAT HAVE ALREADY
6 BEEN COUNTED CHANGED ANY OF THE ELECTION RESULTS?

7

8 **DEAN LOGAN:** WITHIN THE COUNTY, WE HAVE NOT SEEN A CHANGE IN
9 THE OUTCOME OF ANY OF THE CONTESTS. THERE IS A STATEWIDE
10 CONTEST FOR STATE CONTROLLER THAT IS VERY CLOSE IN TERMS OF
11 THE SECOND PLACE VOTE GETTER. IT'S ACTUALLY VERY CLOSE BETWEEN
12 THREE PEOPLE IN THAT CONTEST. THAT HAS ON A STATEWIDE BASIS,
13 THAT HAS YOYO'D BACK AND FORTH BECAUSE EVERY COUNTY REPORTS ON
14 A DIFFERENT SCHEDULE. SO TODAY'S RESULTS MAY ONCE AGAIN CHANGE
15 THAT. THAT ONE PROBABLY WILL GO UNTIL WE CERTIFY THE ELECTION.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE CERTIFY THE ELECTIONS WHEN?

18

19 **DEAN LOGAN:** ABOUT 28 DAYS FOLLOWING TUESDAY. SO I'D HAVE TO
20 LOOK THAT DATE UP.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HAVE ALL OF THE COUNTIES BEEN
23 PARTICIPATING? OR HAVE SOME STILL WAITED TO COUNT THEIR
24 BALLOTS?

25

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1 **DEAN LOGAN:** THERE ARE SOME COUNTIES THAT TRADITIONALLY DO NOT
2 DO SUBSEQUENT UPDATES. THEY JUST DO THE ELECTION NIGHT FINAL
3 AND THEN THEY DO THE FINAL ON CERTIFICATION. THOSE ARE USUALLY
4 SMALLER COUNTIES. I DON'T HAVE A FULL NUMBER. I KNOW THAT MOST
5 OF THE MID-SIZE AND LARGE COUNTIES HAVE PRODUCED AT LEAST ONE
6 RESULTS UPDATE SINCE ELECTION DAY. AND I SUSPECT WILL DO SO
7 BEFORE THE CERTIFICATION.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD YOU GIVE US A REPORT ON THAT, THOSE
10 COUNTIES THAT ARE STILL LEFT OUT?

11

12 **DEAN LOGAN:** YES, I CAN PROVIDE THAT FOR YOU BUT THAT'S ALSO
13 UPDATED ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE AND IT GIVES A
14 SCHEDULE OF WHEN THOSE COUNTIES WILL RELEASE THEIR NEXT
15 RESULTS AS WELL.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TODAY'S UPDATE WILL ARRIVE AT WHAT TIME?

18

19 **DEAN LOGAN:** WE START RUNNING THE BALLOTS AT 2:00. BECAUSE
20 THAT'S A SUBSTANTIAL UPDATE, IT WILL TAKE A WHILE. I WOULD SAY
21 PROBABLY WE'LL RELEASE THOSE RESULTS BETWEEN 3:00 AND 4:00
22 THIS AFTERNOON IF NOT EARLIER.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE NEXT UPDATE WILL BE RELEASED WITH EN?

25

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1 **DEAN LOGAN:** WE DO TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS IN L.A. COUNTY UNTIL
2 WE'RE DONE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NEXT IS FRIDAY AROUND 4:00?

5

6 **DEAN LOGAN:** CORRECT.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? IF NOT, DEAN, THANK
9 YOU. I HAVE ARNOLD SACHS, PATRICK O'ROURKE AND JOHN WALSH
10 SIGNED UP FOR THIS?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I THOUGHT YOU KICKED ARNOLD OUT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EXCUSE ME. MR. ARNOLD'S NOT. ALL I HAVE
15 IS PATRICK O'ROURKE AND JOHN WALSH. I DON'T HAVE YOUR CARD.

16

17 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOOD HIGHLANDS.ORG.
18 THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ON EARTH, THE BALLOT. THE
19 MURPHYS FOUGHT IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, MY ANCESTORS, FOR THE
20 BALLOT. YOU, THIS GENTLEMAN JUST GOT UP SHOULD BE APOLOGIZING.
21 PEOPLE SHOWED UP TO VOTE AND THERE WERE NO BALLOTS. THEN THIS
22 GUY HAS THE NERVE TO SAY: TURNOUT WAS LOW. TURNOUT WASN'T LOW.
23 HUNDREDS IF NOT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY --

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU DON'T HAVE TO YELL. WE CAN HEAR YOU.

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1

2 **JOHN WALSH:** YOU WON'T GIVE US ANY OF THE FACTS AND FIGURES
3 CAME TO THE PRECINCT AND THERE WERE NO BALLOTS. I'VE NEVER
4 SEEN THAT IN THIS COUNTY. I'VE NEVER SEEN IT. NO OTHER
5 COUNTIES. THEY SHOWED UP AND YOU DIDN'T HAVE ANY BALLOTS? AND
6 YOU SAY YOU CAN'T GET PEOPLE TO WORK FOR YOU? YOU PAY LESS
7 THAN MINIMUM WAGE. YOU SHOULD ALL BE APOLOGIZING. HOW MANY
8 PEOPLE SHOWED UP? THERE WERE NO BALLOTS AND WENT HOME? I WANT
9 TO KNOW THIS ON THE BLOOD OF THE MURPHIES WHO FOUGHT IN THE
10 REVOLUTIONARY WAR FOR MY RIGHT TO VOTE. SHAME ON YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. O'ROURKE AND THEN MR.
13 PREVEN.

14

15 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
16 DISTRICT 3. AND I WANT TO THANK DEAN LOGAN FOR PUTTING ON A
17 NICE QUASI-PARTY LAST TUESDAY. UNFORTUNATELY A WOEFULLY SMALL
18 NUMBER OF PEOPLE SHOWED UP, WHICH I THINK IS A CAUTIONARY
19 TALE. AND WE SHOULD ALL FOCUS ON HELPING THE REGISTRAR-
20 RECORDER DO AN EVEN BETTER JOB OF GETTING THE VOTE OUT. ONE
21 CLEAR DETAIL IS THAT IN THE PUBLIC DEBATE CATEGORY, AND I
22 TRIED TO REFERENCE THIS LAST WEEK, THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER AND
23 COUNTY CLERK SHOULD BE A PART OF HOSTING WHAT ARE OPEN DEBATES
24 FOR CANDIDATES BECAUSE WHAT OCCURRED IN THIS LAST ELECTION WAS
25 THERE WAS A VERY HARD CUT EARLY ON THAT PREVENTED SOME

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1 CANDIDATES FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE PROCESS AT ALL WHICH WAS
2 REALLY OF GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT. SECONDARILY I THINK WE SHOULD
3 MAKE IT VERY CLEAR THAT THIS COUNTY CAN'T AFFORD TO PUT A
4 STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION DESCRIPTION, A SHORT 200 WORD
5 DESCRIPTION FOR ALL CANDIDATES IN COUNTYWIDE RACES OR
6 DISTRICTWIDE RACES WHERE YOU'RE TRYING TO REACH UP TO A
7 MILLION PEOPLE WHICH IS VERY, VERY HARD TO DO. EVERYBODY
8 SHOULD HAVE A CHANCE NOT JUST MR. SHRIVER AND MR. DURAN FOR
9 18,800 JUST BUY IN TO GET A STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS. WE
10 CAN AFFORD AND I THINK WE SHOULD LOOK AT IT. IT'S PROBABLY A
11 FEW HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, THANKS.

14

15 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** HELLO, PATRICK O'ROURKE. I'D LIKE TO CORRECT
16 FOR THE RECORD ARNOLD SACHS'S COMMENT BACK WHEN MARK RIDLEY-
17 THOMAS I BELIEVE WAS FIRST IN OFFICE HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN IF
18 CHAIR AT THE TIME, GLORIA MOLINA MENTIONED THAT IT WAS A "D.C.
19 F. HAND JOB." ARNOLD SACHS MENTIONED THAT GLORIA MOLINA
20 COMMENT. THAT'S WHAT HE WAS REFERENCING. I THINK IT WAS HARSH
21 AND UNREASONABLE NOT TO HEAR HIM OUT TO EXPLAIN HIMSELF.
22 SECONDLY AND VERY IMPORTANTLY, YOU INTRODUCED FAIR GAME NOW.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS ITEM 71. IT'S NOT FAIR GAME.

25

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1 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** BUT I WAS AN ELECTION OFFICIAL AN INSPECTOR
2 FOR THE POLLS IN SANTA MONICA. I WAS THE LEAD TABLE. WE
3 BASICALLY SET UP. WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS IN OUR DISTRICT.
4 BUT I DO UNDERSTAND THAT SOME DISTRICTS MIGHT HAVE HAD
5 PROBLEMS. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE THE INSPECTOR'S A
6 VOLUNTEER FOR THE SERVICE OF THE COUNTY OF THE HIGHEST
7 CALIBER. AND WE TRY TO LET EVERYBODY VOTE. AS A VOLUNTEER OF
8 20 YEARS HAVE WORKED EXCESSIVELY TO LET EVERYONE VOTE, EVEN
9 WHEN PEOPLE FELT THAT PEOPLE SHOULD BE EXCLUDED, I USED ALL
10 IMPLEMENTATIONS AND WE DID REALLY GOOD TRAINING.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANKS FOR HELPING OUT.

17

18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** RECEIVE AND FILE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** RECEIVE AND FILE. OKAY. LET'S DO
21 ADJOURNMENTS. SUPERVISOR MOLINA? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ANY
22 ADJOURNMENTS? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ONE, MR. CHAIRMAN, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN
25 TERM OF AVIK GILBOA, A LONGTIME CIVICS AND HISTORY TEACHER OF

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1 VAN NUYS AND FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOLS AND AT L.A. VALLEY COLLEGE,
2 AND A FOREIGN PRESS, HOLLYWOOD CORRESPONDENT, AS WELL, WHO
3 RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. AVIK, BORN AND RAISED
4 IN PALESTINE, LIVED IN AGRICULTURAL BOARD SCHOOLS AS A CHILD
5 WHERE HE LEARNED TO BE A SHEPHERD AFTER IMMIGRATING TO
6 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WITH HIS FAMILY IN 1947, HE JOINED A GROUP
7 OF AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS HELPING TO FIGHT FOR THE NEWLY EMERGING
8 STATE OF ISRAEL DURING THEIR INDEPENDENCE. IN ADDITION TO
9 TEACHING SCHOOL, HE BEGAN COVERING THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY
10 FOR NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND BECAME AN ACTIVE
11 MEMBER OF THE HOLLYWOOD FOREIGN PRESS ASSOCIATION. A CULTURED
12 AND WELL-TRAVELED MAN OF THE WORLD. FLUENT IN SEVERAL
13 LANGUAGES. HIS PASSION FOR CLASSICAL MUSIC LED HIM TO FOUND
14 THE GUSTAV MAHLER SOCIETY. GREGARIOUS AND OUTGOING HE MADE
15 FRIENDS WHEREVER HE WENT AND WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY ALL KNOW
16 KNEW, LOVED, AND LEARNED FROM HIM. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
17 OF 40 YEARS ELAINE, TWO SONS AVIEL AND TAMIR AND OTHER FAMILY
18 MEMBERS. COLLEAGUES AND MANY FRIENDS. THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. I, TOO, HAVE ONE. SUDDEN
21 PASSING OF BOB TRUSELA, PASSED AWAY JUNE 8 AT THE VERY YOUNG
22 AGE OF 57. HE WAS A RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO. OWNER OF TRUSELA'S
23 A FAMILY-OPERATED RESTAURANT SPECIALIZING IN SOUTHERN ITALIAN.
24 HE RECENTLY OPENED THE OTTO TRATTORIA AT THE FORMER PAPADAKIS
25 TAVERNA ON SIXTH STREET. BOB BEGAN WORKING IN RESTAURANTS AT

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1 THE AGE OF 13. HE WENT ON TO MANAGE SEVERAL LONG BEACH'S FOUR
2 AND FIVE STAR RESTAURANTS, THE SKY ROOM, THE MADISON, L' OPERA
3 AMONG MANY OTHERS. BUT HE WAS A MERCHANT MARINE WHO STUDIED
4 MEDICINE AND ARCHITECTURE. HE WAS A BELOVED COMMUNITY MEMBER
5 AND WILL BE MISSED BY HIS FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND ENTIRE
6 COMMUNITY. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JOSEPHINE, SONS BOBBY, LOUIS,
7 TONY AND DOMENIC, AND DAUGHTER ISABELLA. OUR THOUGHTS AND
8 PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY. SO, MIKE?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GOOD FRIEND FORMER CHIEF OF POLICE FOR
11 ARCADIA, NEAL JOHNSON, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 79 ON JUNE
12 3RD. AFTER SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, HE JOINED THE
13 ARCADIA POLICE DEPARTMENT IN 1956. HE WAS CHIEF OF POLICE FROM
14 1985 TO 1995. FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY LAW
15 ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY, MEMBER OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY PEACE
16 OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION, A STRONG SUPPORTER OF BOY SCOUTS OF
17 AMERICA, WAS RECIPIENT OF THE BOY SCOUTS SILVER ANTELOPE AWARD
18 AND THE SILVER BUFFALO AWARD. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE NORMA
19 JEAN AND HIS CHILDREN NEAL, JR., TERRI AND JERRY.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ANOTHER CLOSE FAMILY FRIEND, LONGTIME FAMILY
24 FRIEND, MARIE THERESE CROWLEY, LIFELONG RESIDENT IN SAN
25 GABRIEL VALLEY. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. GRADUATE OF

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1 IMMACULATE HEART COLLEGE, WORKED AT J.P.L. AS A CHEMIST BEFORE
2 MARRYING PAUL CROWLEY WHO WAS LATER TO BECOME COUNCILMEMBER
3 AND MAYOR OF SAN MARINO. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE SAN MARINO
4 TENNIS CLUB, THE SAN SAN MARINO HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND
5 ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF PASADENA, SURVIVED BY HER SON AND
6 DAUGHTER-IN-LAW. VERY CLOSE FRIEND COLLEEN AYERS PASSED AWAY
7 ON MAY 30TH AT THE AGE OF 66. SHE WORKED AS A FLIGHT
8 ATTENDANT, STILL WORKING FOR THE PAST 35 YEARS AND WAS ALSO A
9 HOME DESIGNER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND DUKE WHO IS ALSO
10 A PILOT WITH UNITED AIRLINES AND HER SISTERS MARY, KATHY AND
11 HER BROTHER TONY, HER DAUGHTER DEANNA AND SONS JOSH AND BEN
12 AND NEPHEWS AND NIECES. BARBARA GODDE REYNOLDS OF LANCASTER
13 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 83. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE GODDE
14 FAMILY THAT CAME TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IN 1890. SHE WORKED
15 FOR CAPITOL RECORDS, ANTELOPE VALLEY BOARD OF REALTORS,
16 ANTELOPE VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND WAS A SCHOOL BUS
17 DRIVER FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN AND A VOLUNTEER AT THE
18 ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER
19 KIMBERLY AND BROTHER. ROBERT PATRICK, RETIRED SHERIFF FOR THE
20 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT
21 WAS THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. RICK ALLEN HAMBEL, LONGTIME
22 RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. HE WAS AN ATTORNEY AND OWNER
23 OF THE STANHOPE COMPANY FOR THE PAST 41 YEARS. SURVIVED BY HIS
24 WIFE AND FOUR CHILDREN AND FATHER. AND RICHARD "RICK" MARTIN

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1 RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 51.

2 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, TWO SONS, MOTHER AND SISTER.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. ANY OTHERS? ITEM 47 IS AN
5 ITEM I HELD HAVE MAYBE SOMEBODY FROM PUBLIC WORKS CAN ANSWER?
6 I JUST HAD A QUESTION. I SUPPORT THE ITEM. I WANT TO KNOW HOW.

7

8 **JOHN WONG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR, MY NAME IS JOHN WONG.
9 I'M WITH PUBLIC WORKS, I'M A TRANSIT MANAGER.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IN REGARD TO THIS, THIS PROGRAM ISSUES
12 OF THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM SELECTED BY PUBLIC WORKS OR IS IT
13 SELECTED BY M.R.C.A.?

14

15 **JOHN WONG:** THE PROGRAM IS SELECTED BY M.R.C.A.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BUT AS AN EXAMPLE, I UNDERSTAND THE
18 PIECE ABOUT NOT BEING EQUALLY FUNDED. MY QUESTION IS: DO THE
19 SAME GROUPS GET INVITED EACH YEAR? OR HOW ARE THE GROUPS
20 PICKED WITHIN THE PARTICULAR DISTRICTS? I MEAN, HOW DO I GET
21 MORE VETS OR IN ANOTHER PART OF MY UNINCORPORATED AREA THAT
22 DOESN'T GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO THE MOUNTAINS, WHO PICKS
23 THEM? WHO PICKS THE GROUP?

24

25 **JOHN WONG:** THE GROUPS CAN APPLY THROUGH M.R.C.A.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HOW DO THEY KNOW THAT?

3

4 **JOHN WONG:** SO, TYPICALLY THEY WOULD SEND FLIERS TO SCHOOLS,
5 COMMUNITY CENTERS THAT PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE. THEY HOST DAY
6 CAMPS. THEY HOST ACTIVITIES AT THE PARKS. WHAT WE CAN DO IS WE
7 CAN WORK WITH M.R.C.A. TO MAKE SURE THEY MARKET MORE IF YOU
8 WOULD LIKE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. I THINK THAT THERE'S SOME FOLKS
11 THAT DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA THAT THIS PROGRAM'S AVAILABLE. AND I
12 DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH SOME OF THE SAME GROUP, PARTICULARLY
13 VETS AND SOME OTHERS. IT JUST SEEMS LIKE IT'S THE SAME OLD --
14 SAME NUMBER OF GROUPS AND SAME KIND OF GROUPS GOING EACH YEAR
15 INSTEAD OF EXPANDING IT. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE -- JUST THE
16 OPPORTUNITY. IT'S NO DIFFERENT THAN WE TAKE SOME OF THE FOLKS
17 TO GO FISHING IN THE OCEAN OR SOMETHING. THIS IS THE SAME KIND
18 OF OPPORTUNITY TO GO IN OPEN SPACE AN OPPORTUNITY THAT SOME OF
19 THEM MAY NOT GET IN A LIFETIME. I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU COULD
20 WORK WITH THAT AND I'LL ASK MY STAFF AS WELL TO MAKE SURE THAT
21 WE DO A BETTER JOB OF MARKETING OR FIND OUT AND GET A COPY OF
22 THEIR FLIER ON OUR WEBSITE OR SOMETHING. WORKING WITH OUR
23 PARKS AND REC FOLKS, THE COMMUNITY- BASED GROUPS, THERE'S A
24 REAL OPPORTUNITY HERE. BUT IT IS THE M.R.C.A. THAT PICKS OR
25 SELECTS?

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2 **JOHN WONG:** THAT'S CORRECT, EVERY YEAR THEY GIVE US A BUDGET ON
3 HOW MANY TRIPS IN EACH DISTRICT THEY WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE AND
4 WE HAVE NOT PLACED ANY RESTRICTIONS ON THEIR PROGRAM.

5 BASICALLY WHAT WE ASK IS THAT THEY PROVIDE AN EFFICIENT
6 PROGRAM. SO THEY WOULD FILL UP THE BUSES WITH ENOUGH PEOPLE.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THE PROGRAM'S EFFICIENT. I'M
9 JUST NOT SURE THAT WE GET THE OUTREACH THAT WE WANT OR NEED
10 AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T GET TO GO TO THE
11 MOUNTAINS. HOPEFULLY YOU'LL WORK WITH THAT AND WE WILL FOLLOW
12 UP AS WELL TOO. THAT'S THE ONLY QUESTION I HAD. I'LL MOVE THE
13 ITEM, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
14 SO BE THE ORDER. OKAY. WE STILL DON'T HAVE -- WE'LL GO TO
15 PUBLIC COMMENT. SAMANTHA AZULAY, MICHELLE BUCKNER, DANIEL
16 CLINE. IRENE PANG. DENISE GROSSMAN. RICHARD HARUTIUNIAN, ERIC
17 PREVEN. MARK DURAN. BOBBY COOPER. RUTH HULL? GO AHEAD.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
20 DISTRICT 3. I WANTED TO BRING THIS TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION
21 THE LAWSUIT BETWEEN THE A.C.L.U., PREVEN AND THE BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS REGARDLESS THOSE LEGAL BILLING HAS NOW BEEN
23 ADJUDICATED AND THE JUDGE HAS FOUND IN OUR FAVOR AND
24 ENCOURAGED THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PROVIDE THOSE LEGAL
25 BILLING. AND THERE'S BEEN SOME RESISTANCE TO THE IDEA OF

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1 DISCLOSING RICHARD DROOYAN'S CONTRACT AND THE JOE BRAND AND
2 JOE MCGRATH CONTRACTS. THOSE ARE BOARD CONSULTANTS. I WANTED
3 TO IMPLORER THIS BOARD TO DO THE RIGHT THING HERE AND COMPLY
4 WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORD ACT AND ACTUALLY PROVIDE ALL
5 OF THESE DOCUMENTS. SUPERVISOR KNABE TODAY IN HIS EVALUATION
6 OF THIS BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON CHILD PROTECTION HAS ASKED
7 THAT WE FIND SOMEONE LIKE DROOYAN. WELL, NOW DROOYAN IS AN
8 INTERESTING CHARACTER. HE'S A GOOD MAN, OBVIOUSLY, AND A
9 LAWYER WHO'S ACTUALLY WORKED IN CHILD PROTECTION PREVIOUSLY TO
10 HIS HELP ON THE C.C.J.V. BUT THIS IS A GUY WORKING AT MUNGER
11 TOLLES, THAT'S A LAW FIRM THAT WORKS FOR THE COUNTY. AND HIS
12 WORK WAS IDENTIFIED AS AN IMPLEMENTATION MONITOR OVER THE
13 RECOMMENDATION. SO HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A TECHNICAL ANALYST.
14 BUT WHEN WE ASKED TO SEE HIS DEAL THE RESPONSE WAS "HE'S OUR
15 LAWYER, WE'RE NOT GOING TO SHOW IT TO YOU." WELL IF HE'S OUR
16 LAWYER AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO SHOW IT TO YOU, IT'S ONE OR THE
17 OTHER. BUT HIDING IN THE CLOAK OF ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE IS
18 NOT HELPFUL TO THE PUBLIC'S FEELING THAT THERE'S TRANSPARENCY
19 AND OPENNESS REGARDING THE REFORMS FOR OUR COUNTY JAILS AND IT
20 APPLIES DIRECTLY, FRANKLY, TO OUR COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES.
21 AND, SUPERVISOR, MOLINA, A WEEK OR TWO AGO YOU IMPUGNED MY
22 MOTIVE FOR SEEKING PUBLIC RECORDS ON A REGULAR BASIS, WHICH I
23 DO FROM TIME TO TIME IN THE INTEREST OF EXPOSING HOW OUR
24 LEADERS ARE CONDUCTING THEMSELVES. AND I WOULD ASK YOU, BOY,
25 YOU ARE AWFULLY BUSY IN A LITTLE MEETING RIGHT NOW, AREN'T

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1 YOU? MR. FUJIOKA GOT A LAUGH ON THAT ANYWAY I WOULD REALLY ASK
2 THAT THE BOARD DISCLOSE, DISCLOSE, DISCLOSE, COMPLY, COMPLY,
3 COMPLY. I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE. I THINK THE PUBLIC IS READY
4 FOR THIS BOARD TO CHANGE ITS VIEWS ON THESE THINGS AND TO
5 BRING FORWARD AND INTO THE LIGHT EXACTLY WHAT'S HAPPENING SO
6 THAT WE CAN FIX THE PROBLEMS. AND IT'S IN THAT SPIRIT THAT I
7 SAY PLEASE REVISE WHATEVER WE'RE DOING TODAY AND BRING IT BACK
8 NEXT WEEK WITH CLARITY ON ONE PIECE OF PAPER SO PEOPLE CAN
9 EVALUATE IT AND THINK CLEARLY.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M CONCERNED THAT --

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, NEXT?

16

17 **IRENE PANG:** MY NAME IS IRENE. I CONCERNED ABOUT THE CHILDREN
18 PROTECTION ARE IMPORTANT SAME AS THE ADULT. SINCE THE
19 REVELATION HAVE BEEN CORNERED MY FAMILY, MY FAMILY, MY
20 BROTHER'S FAMILY MEMBERS, THAT INCLUDE PHYSICAL AND THEIR
21 PROPERTY. MY FAMILY, U.S. GOVERNMENT HELPING IN THE PROTECTION
22 TO COVER THE DAMAGE. THEY COVER THE DAMAGE. WE SAW THEY WILL
23 CREATE A CLOSET OVER MY FAMILY MEMBERS WORKING HARD AND
24 WORKING BETTER FOR PROPERTY IN UNITED STATES NATION. SECOND,
25 THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY ARE SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT

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1 OF SOCIETY OF U.S. NATION. CONCERNING THE CONGREGATION IN THE
2 PRIVATE PROPERTY AND GOVERNMENT CITIZEN LOCATION ARE SAFELY TO
3 THE CITY OF EL MONTE AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND PROPERTY,
4 TOO. THE PROPERTY PAY TAX OR NOT EVERY YEAR. I AM A CUSTOMER
5 OF THIS SMALL HOUSE WHETHER OR NOT THE REVELATION THE ATTACK.
6 I MEAN CRY THE CASE BY THEY SEE THEM OVER CALIFORNIA OR NATION
7 OF THE UNITED STATES. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **RUTH HULL:** YES. RUTH HALL AGAIN. EACH OF YOU HERE IS HERE
12 BECAUSE YOU'RE PRIVILEGED. YOU ARE BLESSED WITH NOT HAVING
13 BEEN ONE OF THE CHILD SEXUAL AND VIOLATED ABUSE VICTIMS AT
14 D.C.F.S. IF YOU COULD PICTURE YOUR OWN CHILD, HOW MUCH YOU
15 LOVE YOUR CHILDREN AND CARE ABOUT THEM AND THEN PICTURE WHAT
16 IT WOULD BE LIKE IF THEY WERE IN D.C.F.S., ABUSED, RAPED,
17 BEATEN, YOU COULDN'T DO IT BECAUSE IT'S TOO HORRID. YET
18 MOTHERS OUT THERE ARE LOSING THEIR CHILDREN BECAUSE THEY DARE
19 TO SAY: MY CHILD WAS ABUSED. AND THE ABUSER GETS FULL CUSTODY.
20 WHAT IS HAPPENING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY THROUGHOUT THE STATE
21 OF CALIFORNIA IS CRIMINAL. AND IT SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED BY
22 NOT JUST THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CALIFORNIA BUT ALSO BY THE
23 ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES AND BY AMNESTY
24 INTERNATIONAL. WE NEED TO PROTECT THESE CHILDREN. WE NEED TO
25 BREAK THE SECRECY OF THE FAMILY LAW COURTS AND OPEN THEM UP TO

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1 TV CAMERAS BECAUSE ONLY THE ABUSERS, ONLY THE VIOLATORS FEAR
2 PUBLICITY. THE CHILDREN NEED THE TRUTH TO COME OUT BECAUSE THE
3 CHILDREN ARE THE VICTIMS. WHEN A CHILD SAYS THEY ARE ABUSED,
4 THEY PROBABLY WERE. AND WE NEED TO START BELIEVING THE
5 CHILDREN. I AM TRYING TO HELP A NINE-YEAR-OLD GIRL WHO COULD
6 BE TRAFFICKED INTO THAILAND AS EARLY AS THIS WEEK. THE POLICE
7 SAID SHE WAS A VICTIM OF VIOLENT SEXUAL ABUSE. YET THE SYSTEM
8 HAS REFUSED TO ASSIST HER IN PROTECTING HER FROM THE VIOLENT
9 ABUSER WHO'S NOT EVEN ALLOWED IN THE COUNTRY. AND SHE HAS BEEN
10 PREVENTED FROM BEING WITH HER PROTECTIVE MOTHER BECAUSE HER
11 MOTHER'S BEEN ACCUSED OF BACKING HER UP ON HER CHARGES OF
12 ABUSE. EVEN THOUGH THE MOTHER'S A PROFESSIONAL AND A DOCTOR.
13 I'VE SEEN CASE AFTER CASE LIKE THIS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT
14 IS TIME IT'S FINISHED. IT IS TIME THESE GOOD PARENTS GOT THEIR
15 KIDS BACK. YOU WANT TO RAISE YOUR KIDS, LET THEM RAISE THEIR
16 KIDS, TOO.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MELINDA WAITE? ROBERT SINGER? SUSAN
19 ROCHA? PATRICK O'ROURKE.

20

21 **MELINDA WAITE:** HI, I WAS INTERRUPTED BEFORE. I WANT TO GET ON
22 THE RECORD THAT THE MOST SHOCKING THING THAT I LEARNED FROM
23 THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE IS THAT D.C.F.S. MEDICATES BABIES
24 UNDER THE AGE OF ONE YEAR ON PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS. AND THE
25 HEAD OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ASKED "WHAT POSSIBLE PURPOSE

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1 COULD BE SERVED BY DRUGGING AN INFANT WITH PSYCHOTROPIC
2 MEDICATIONS UNDER THE AGE OF 1 YEAR?" AND A U.S.C. SOCIAL WORK
3 PROFESSOR ANSWERED: "I CAN'T IMAGINE WHY." AND AFTER SOME
4 THOUGHT, SHE RESPONDED. "SLEEP DISTURBANCES, MAYBE." I'M
5 PRETTY SEASONED WATCHING THESE PROCEEDINGS. AND AS A COURT
6 WATCHER FOR OVER 20 YEARS NOW, NOTHING SHOCKS ME. BUT THAT
7 EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE HEAD OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE WHO WAS
8 ASKED BY PRESIDENT OBAMA TO BE IN LOS ANGELES AND TO OVERSEE
9 THE INORDINANT NUMBER OF DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER THE SCRUTINY
10 OF D.C.F.S. IN THIS CITY SHOCKED ME. I ALMOST FELL OUT OF MY
11 SEAT. SO, GLORIA MOLINA, YOU WANT D.C.F.S. TO BE INDEPENDENT.
12 BUT HOW COULD ANY ORGANIZATION WHO WOULD DO SUCH A THING OR
13 PROVIDE OR OVERSEE OR GIVE DRUGS, PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS TO
14 INFANTS WHO HAVE NOT EVEN MADE IT TO THE AGE OF ONE NOT BE
15 TOLD WHAT TO DO? THEY NEED TO STOP. THEY NEED TO JUST CLOSE
16 THE DOORS AND Y'ALL NEED TO START OVER. IT'S A CORRUPT
17 ORGANIZATION. IT IS HARMING CHILDREN.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

20

21 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** MY NAME IS PATRICK O'ROURKE. LET ME GIVE YOU
22 YOU A BRIEF HISTORY. IN 2002 KATIE A. SETTLEMENT. A CHILD THAT
23 LOOKED LIKE ROAD KILL BY THE AUTOPSY REPORTER. THE CHILD WAS
24 KILLED BECAUSE SHE WAS NEGLECTED. A STAGE 5, 150,000 DOLLAR
25 D.C.F.S. PAYCHECK CHILD NEGLECTED BY HER FOSTER PARENTS. KATIE

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1 A.'S SETTLEMENT IMPLEMENTED D.C.F.S. WORKS WITH D.M.H. AND THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, D.P.S.S. 2006, MY CHILD,
3 MY WIFE IS GIVEN SERAQUONE ABILLIFY TWO YEARS BEFORE THE
4 REPORTS OF THESE INFANT MORTALITY AND, YOU KNOW, HURTS
5 CHILDREN, DEFORMED CHILDREN BY THESE MEDICATIONS BY THE
6 WEBSITE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER. AND MY WIFE IS THREATENED. HER
7 SOCIAL SECURITY CHECK IS THREATENED IF SHE DOESN'T TAKE IT. I
8 FIND OUT LATER ALL THE PREGNANT WOMEN IN THAT PLACE ARE GIVEN
9 THE MEDICATION EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE NOT A DANGER TO THEMSELVES
10 OR ANYBODY ELSE. THEY'RE NOT IN ANY IMMEDIATE HARM. BASICALLY
11 VIOLATING THE RULES OF GIVING THESE MEDICATIONS RECOMMENDED BY
12 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY THAT'S SUPPOSED TO OVERSEE IT.
13 THEN I FIND OUT THAT BECAUSE OF THE KATIE A. SETTLEMENT, MY
14 CHILD IS TAKEN AWAY BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT ME TO REPORT THIS.
15 NOW, WE COME HERE, 10 YEARS -- NO 13 YEARS AFTER THE KATIE A.
16 SETTLEMENT AND WE'RE SAYING WE NEED THEM TO WORK WITH MORE
17 AGENCIES? HOW MUCH POWER DO YOU WANT TO GIVE THIS AGENCY? HOW
18 MUCH IS ALREADY -- HOW MUCH CHARGE OF PEOPLE'S LIVES. WE NEED
19 THE TAKE THE AUTHORITY FROM D.M.H. IT'S A BROKEN AGENCY. IT'S
20 ENDEMIC, THE FRAUD, THE CORRUPTION, THE INABILITY OF THE
21 SOCIAL WORKERS TO EVEN DETERMINE WHAT IS CONSTITUTIONAL, WHAT
22 IS RIGHT, WHAT IS WRONG HAS BEEN WELL OVERLY DOCUMENTED. THEY
23 NEED AN OUTSIDE AGENCY TO OVERSEE THEM. AND THEY NEED PROPER
24 REPORTING PRACTICES. AND YOU NEED TO REMOVE THE SOCIAL SERVICE
25 CONTRACT THAT ALLOWS THEM TO BE PROTECTED.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

3

4 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** THESE ARE FEDERAL MATTERS. OBEY THEM.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT? NEXT?

7

8 **SUSAN ROCHA:** MY NAME IS SUSAN ROCHA AND I AM A NOISE VICTIM OF
9 DIVINE SAVIOR CATHOLIC CHURCH AT 610 CYPRUS AVENUE, 90065. I'M
10 ASKING ALL OF YOU TO SUPPORT L.A. CITY COUNCIL TO CHANGE THE
11 L.A. MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 115.02B TO
12 REMOVE THE WORDS "EXCEPT CHURCHES" WHICH GIVES L.A.P.D. AND
13 THE REASON NOT TO ENFORCE NOISE LAWS WHEN IT COMES TO
14 CHURCHES. I LIVE WITH THIS NOISY CHURCH WITH FOUR LOUD
15 SPEAKERS COMING INTO MY HOUSE EIGHT TIMES A DAY EVERY DAY. I'M
16 IN DISTRICT 1, GLORIA MOLINA'S AREA. I'M ASKING FOR
17 ENFORCEMENT SO THAT I DON'T HAVE TO HAVE TAPE RECORDED OFF KEY
18 MUSIC COMING IN MY HOME, TAPE RECORDED OFF KEY BELLS COMING
19 INTO MY HOME. L.A.P.D. REFUSES TO DO ANYTHING. PLEASE REMOVE
20 THE EXCEPTIONS FOR CHURCHES. OTHER STATES AND CITIES HAVE NO
21 EXEMPTIONS. AND CHURCHES HAVE BEEN PROSECUTED FOR THEIR NOISE
22 VIOLATIONS. AND MY OTHER ISSUE IS I AM A SLAPP, S.L.A.P.P.
23 VICTIM, STRATEGIC LAWSUIT AGAINST PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BY
24 FATHER MARC ORTIZ AND HIS CATHOLIC CHURCH. AFTER DOING AN
25 INTERVIEW WITH ABC7, "WHAT'S BUGGING YOU NOISE", HE TOOK ME TO

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1 COURT IN RETALIATION. HE LOST. I WON. BUT IT'S AN UNFAIR FIGHT
2 WITH NO ATTORNEY JUST AGAINST A BILLION DOLLAR CATHOLIC
3 CHURCH. AND THAT'S ONE THING YOU COULD DO. IT GIVES SLAPP
4 VICTIMS A PUBLIC DEFENDER OR SOME HELP IN TRYING TO FIGHT THE
5 ACCUSER, THE PERSON BRINGING THE SUIT. I WON. BUT IT'S NOT
6 FAIR THAT THEY CAN DRAG ME INTO COURT FOR NO REASON BASED ON
7 WHAT I HAVE TO SAY. SO SLAPP VICTIMS NEED HELP. AND PLEASE
8 CHANGE THE L.A. CITY MUNICIPAL CODE OR SUPPORT HAVING
9 SOMETHING TO SUPPORT THE CITY COUNCIL TO DO THAT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ANTONIA RAMIREZ, JOHN WALSH,
12 DAVID SERRANO. AND TERISIJA SIGMUND. GO AHEAD, SIR.

13

14 **ROBERT SINGER:** I'M ROBERT SINGER, CALABASAS. ZEV, I REALLY
15 WOULD APPRECIATE THIS IF YOU WOULD LISTEN TO THIS. I SPENT TWO
16 HOURS GETTING DOWN HERE. YES.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW YOU WERE CONCERNED THAT I WASN'T IN
19 THE ROOM WHEN YOU WERE TALKING, BUT I COULD HEAR YOU QUITE
20 WELL WHEN I WAS IN THE MEN'S ROOM.

21

22 **ROBERT SINGER:** OKAY?

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL VOICE.
25 RESONANT IN THE MICROPHONE HELPED, TOO.

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1

2 **ROBERT SINGER:** DO I GET A RESET OF MY TIME?

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES, GIVE HIM AN EXTRA FIVE SECONDS BECAUSE
5 HE CAME ALL THE WAY FROM THE CONEJO VALLEY.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S TOO MUCH INFORMATION. ZEV.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SOMETIMES A CIGAR IS JUST A CIGAR, BOB.

10

11 **ROBERT SINGER:** LET ME PREFACE MY REMARKS AGAIN BY REMINDING
12 EVERYONE THAT AS OF APRIL OF 2012, YOU HAD AN 82-PAGE BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS CHILDREN'S SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE REPORT THAT WOULD
14 HAVE REALLY MADE A DIFFERENCE. THIS LATEST WHITEWASHING THING
15 THAT'S COME FROM THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, EVERYONE KNOWS IS
16 JUST ANOTHER BUREAUCRACY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY
17 SERVICES WILL CONTROL. HAD YOU IMPLEMENTED THE RECOMMENDATIONS
18 OF THAT 82-PAGE REPORT, WE MIGHT STILL HAVE ALIVE WITH US
19 GABRIEL FERNANDEZ, AGE 8, BEATEN TO DEATH UNDER THE AUSPICES
20 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES, TORY SANDEVAL, AGE 25
21 MONTHS, BEATEN AND STARVED TO DEATH, SARAH CHAVEZ, AGE 2,
22 ABUSED TO DEATH, ERICA JOHNSON, AGE 2, BEATEN TO DEATH BY A
23 PARENT WITH CRIMINAL HISTORY; DEANDRA GREEN, AGE 2, BEATEN TO
24 DEATH IN SPITE OF REPEATED CALLS TO D.C.F.S., NO ONE CAME TO
25 HIS AID; VALERIE DAREIS; ABYGAIL MORALES; MICHAEL DIXON. ALL

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1 OF THESE PEOPLE WOULD BE ALIVE HAD YOU IN 2012 ADOPTED THIS
2 REPORT THAT YOU COMMISSIONED. WHAT I'M PARTICULARLY CONCERNED
3 ABOUT IS THAT TO DATE, YOU -- ALL OF YOU ARE AWARE OF THE
4 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT LEAKED TO THE L.A. TIMES THAT DETAILED THE
5 TERRIBLE DEFICIENCIES INSIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
6 SERVICES. IT'S PROBABLY WHAT PROMPTED THE COMMISSION IN 2012.
7 AND IT'S PROBABLY WHAT'S PROMPTED THIS LATEST COMMISSION, THIS
8 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO GIVE THE PUBLIC
9 THE IMPRESSION THAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY DOING SOMETHING, BUT
10 YOU'RE NOT. THIS IS JUST ANOTHER BUREAUCRACY THAT'S GOING TO
11 TAKE EVEN MORE MONEY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES
12 THAT COULD HAVE BEEN USED TO ACTUALLY HELP CHILDREN. TO DATE,
13 YOU, NANCY PELOSI, DIANE FEINSTEIN, BARBARA BOXER HAVE DONE
14 NOTHING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THESE CHILDREN.
15 IF NOT FOR THESE BRAVE ADVOCATES LIKE RUTH AND MELINDA AND
16 THESE OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME HERE, NO ONE WOULD HAVE KNOWN
17 ABOUT THIS. CERTAINLY NOT ME.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, TIME. THANK YOU.

20

21 **ROBERT SINGER:** ZEV, COULD YOU GIVE ME ANOTHER MINUTE?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT? NEXT, PLEASE.

24

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1 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** WE ARE RESPECTFULLY GIVING NOTICE TO THE
2 FOLLOWING AGENCIES REGARDING ENEMY COMBATANTS AND THEY ARE THE
3 I.N.S., THE A.T.F. D.E.A., I.C.E. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
4 TREASURY FOR ALL THE CRIMES AND UNREPORTED FINANCIAL EARNINGS
5 MADE FROM GANG STALKINGS AND HARASSMENT AGAINST INNOCENT
6 VICTIMS. THESE CHONGO LATINO REPTILLIAN SAVAGES AND CHONGO
7 LATINO GANG BANGERS AND THEIR VAST CRIMINAL EMPIRE LOCATED IN
8 THE SAFE HAVEN SANCTUARY OF EAST LOS ANGELES AND THEY ARE THE
9 FOLLOWING ADDRESSES AND OR LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS. NO. 1, 3721
10 EAST 55TH STREET MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, 97270. THAT'S FELIPE
11 RODRIGUEZ, OPHELIA RODRIGUEZ AND LOUIS GARCIA. NEXT LOUIS ELUS
12 MOYA, LICENSE PLATE 5HTV780. NEXT, 3738 EAST 55TH STREET
13 MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, 90270. NEXT, 3739 EAST 55TH STREET,
14 MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, 90270. NEXT, 3744 EAST 55TH STREET,
15 MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, 90270. THEY WHAT HARBOR ILLEGAL FELONS
16 AND FUGITIVES. THEY TRANSPORT THEM IN ASHLEY FURNITURE TRUCKS.
17 THEY ACT AS LOOKOUTS FROM THE WINDOWS. NEXT 3748 EAST 55TH
18 STREET. MAYWOOD CALIFORNIA 90270 LICENSE PLATE NUMBER 5ZWD980.
19 NEXT, 3749 EAST 55TH STREET, MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, 90270. NEXT,
20 3750 EAST 55TH STREET, MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, 90270. AND NEXT
21 MARIA CRUZ SON DRIVER'S LICENSE PLATE NUMBER IS 6DLN441. NEXT
22 MARIA CRUZ'S DAUGHTER. 5HGJ086. AND THE NEXT IS --
23
24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TIME'S UP. WANT TO GIVE THIS FOR THE
25 RECORD, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT?

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1
2 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG OR
3 JWALSHCONFIDENTIAL OR TWEETING @HOLLYWOODDEMS. YES, THERE WILL
4 BE AN ELECTION IN NOVEMBER. THIS IS SHEILA KUEHL. VOTE FOR
5 HER. YOU WANT TO SEE HER, WATCH THE MOVIE "7 BRIDES FOR 7
6 BROTHERS" FROM THE 1950S. YOU'LL SEE HER WHEN SHE WAS ABOUT 7
7 YEARS OLD. DR. MCKENNA HAS BEATEN SOMEONE FROM MARK RIDLEY-
8 THOMAS'S OFFICE'S DEPUTY 2 TO 1. HE ALMOST GOT TO 50 PERCENT.
9 VOTE FOR DR. MCKENNA. MY FORMER BOSS AT L.A.U.S.D.
10 DISTINGUISHED AFRICAN-AMERICAN. BETTY YI HAS OVERTAKEN JOHN
11 PEREZ IN THE LATEST COUNT UP RIGHT NOW. BETTY YI WILL BE THE
12 CANDIDATE FOR CONTROLLER. AND SHE WILL WIN. SANDRA FLUKE, IF
13 YOU'RE IN HER DISTRICT, VOTE FOR SANDRA FLUKE. REMEMBER, RUSH
14 LIMBAUGH CALLED HER A SLUT. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE -- ALSO VERY
15 IMPORTANT IF YOU LIVED OUT ON THE EAST SIDE. IAN CALDERON
16 LOST. HE ACTUALLY LOST LAST WEEK TO A WOMAN NAMED RITA
17 TOPALIA. VOTE FOR RITA TOPALIA. WE MUST RID OURSELVES OF THE
18 CORRUPT CALDERON MACHINE. WE BEAT CHUCK CALDERON. WE WILL BEAT
19 IAN CALDERON, HIS SON. I'M VERY HAPPY THE WAY THE HISPANIC
20 COMMUNITY IN EAST L.A. IS THROWING OUT THEIR OWN CROOKS. I'M
21 TELLING YOU RIGHT NOW, SHEILA KUEHL, DO NOT VOTE FOR ANY
22 RELATIVE OF BOBBY SHRIVER, FORGET IT. THERE IS ONLY ONE
23 CANDIDATE. SHEILA KUEHL. GO TO HOLLYWOOD HIGHLANDS. MOST OF
24 OUR CANDIDATES WON. ALSO LEELAND YI, THE REASON LEELAND YI GOT
25 400,000 VOTES IS I ASKED YOU TO MAKE A MOCKERY OF THE

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1 ELECTION. THAT'S WHAT YOU DID. MOST OF THE CANDIDATES ARE NOT
2 AS GOOD AS YI. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE GOT DAVID SERRANO, MS. SIGMUND AND WE
5 GOT JUAN MINIFIELD, ARE YOU STILL HERE? JUAN MINIFIELD? OKAY.
6 GO AHEAD MR. SERRANO.

7

8 **DAVID SERRANO:** GOD ALMIGHTY IS THE INFINITE FATHER AND THE
9 INFINITE SON AND THE HOLY INFINITE SPIRIT. THE HOLY TRINITY IS
10 THE ONE AND ONLY REAL GOD, AMEN, HALLELUJAH. THE HOLY TRINITY
11 IS THE CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND THE UNIVERSE. THE LORD JESUS
12 CHRIST IS THE CREATOR OF EVERYTHING CREATED, AMEN, PRAISE THE
13 LORD. ETERNAL JESUS WAS CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY
14 SPIRIT OF GOD AND CHRIST WAS BORN OF THE SANCTIFIED VIRGIN
15 MARY. JESUS NEVER SINNED. JESUS CHRIST PREACHED THE WORD OF
16 GOD AND HE FORGAVE PEOPLE'S SINS. THE LORD JESUS CURED
17 LEPROSY. HE GAVE SIGHT TO THE BLIND. AND HE HEALED CRIPPLED
18 PEOPLE INSTANTLY. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WALKED UPON THE DEEP
19 WATER OF THE SEA OF GALILEE. AND HE COMMANDED THE NATURAL
20 WORLD. THE ETERNAL SON OF GOD REALLY RAISED DEAD PEOPLE TO
21 LIFE, AMEN. INNOCENT JESUS WILLINGLY SHED HIS SACRED DIVINE
22 BLOOD AND HE DIED FOR OUR SINS ON THE CROSS AS OUR SUBSTITUTE.
23 HE WAS ENTOMBED. THEN ON THE THIRD DAY, JESUS CHRIST
24 RESSURECTED AND HE LEFT THE TOMB, AMEN, HALLELUJAH. JESUS
25 CHRIST APPEARED TO HUNDREDS OF HIS DISCIPLES OVER THE COURSE

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1 OF 40 DAYS. THEN JESUS CHRIST ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN. PRAISE THE
2 LORD. JESUS CHRIST IS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF INFINITE GOD THE
3 FATHER ALMIGHTY IN THE KINGDOM OF THE MOST HIGH. CHRISTIAN
4 SOULS AND SPIRITS ASCEND INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, AMEN.
5 CHRISTIANS HAVE LIFE EVERLASTING WITH GOD AND THE KINGDOM OF
6 GOD, AMEN. UNBELIEVERS RECEIVE THE PENALTY FOR THEIR OWN SINS.
7 UNBELIEVERS DIE AND BURN IN FIERY HADES. REPENT AND BELIEVE
8 REALITY. JESUS IS GOD AND THEN YOU WILL ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM
9 OF HEAVEN, AMEN, PRAISE THE LORD.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AMEN. YES.

12

13 **TERESIJA SIGMUND:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I WAS ASKED TO SAY THAT JUNE
14 15TH IS INTERNATIONAL FATHERLESS DAY MARCH ON CAPITALS AND LOS
15 ANGELES. I WANTED TO REPORT THAT WHEN MY CHILD SPOKE HERE A
16 FEW WEEKS AGO AND HE WAS TOLD SOMEBODY WOULD COME OUT TO SPEAK
17 TO HIM AFTER HE REPORTED THE HORRIBLE ABUSE THAT HE HAD
18 ENCOUNTERED IN FOSTER CARE, NOBODY CAME DOWN. MY NINE-YEAR-OLD
19 CHILD WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED THAT A GROUP OF GROWNUP PEOPLE WHO
20 CALL THEMSELVES THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DO NOT EVEN HOLD
21 THEIR WORD TO BRING DOWN SOMEBODY TO SPEAK TO HIM. HE WAITED.
22 NOBODY CAME DOWN. FURTHERMORE, NOBODY INVESTIGATED THE ABUSE
23 HE HAD ENCOUNTERED. NOBODY'S INTERESTED. LIKE THEY'RE NOT
24 INTERESTED RIGHT NOW TO LISTEN TO ME SINCE YOU'RE ALL TALKING
25 TO EACH OTHER PAYING ZERO ATTENTION TO ME. I COULD TALK ABOUT

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1 THE WEATHER RIGHT NOW. I COULD TALK ABOUT ALIENS. YOU WOULDN'T
2 KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BECAUSE RIGHT NOW YOU'RE NOT LISTENING.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I LISTEN TO EVERY WORD YOU SAY.

5

6 **TERESIJA SIGMUIND:** EXACTLY.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU WILL TALK ABOUT ALIENS.

9

10 **TERESIJA SIGMUND:** YAROSLAVSKY, THOMAS, MOLINA, ANTONOVICH,
11 THEY ARE ALL TALKING TO EACH OTHER, NOT PAYING ATTENTION. YES,
12 MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS. THANK YOU FOR FINALLY ACKNOWLEDGING ME. BUT
13 THEY ARE TALKING AND LAUGHING WITH OTHER PEOPLE. THE POINT
14 BEING IS THIS IS EXACTLY THE TREATMENT MY SON GOT WHEN HE WAS
15 SPEAKING TO YOU GUYS. JUST ZERO INTEREST IN ANY OF THE CHILD
16 ABUSE BECAUSE, AFTER ALL, IT'S NOT YOUR CHILDREN. RIGHT NOW
17 THERE'S A LITTLE GIRL IN FOSTER CARE THAT HAS BEEN FORCED BY
18 HER FOSTER CUSTODIAN TO EAT A BANANA OUT OF THE TRASH. THE MAN
19 REPORTEDLY WENT INTO THE WOMEN'S BATHROOM TO RETRIEVE THE
20 BANANA THAT THE GIRL DISCARDED IN THE TRASH THAT HE WAS FORCED
21 TO EAT. THE GIRL IS STILL FORCED TO LIVE WITH THOSE PEOPLE AT
22 THE VERY MOMENT. AND SINCE YOUR LACK OF INTEREST, I'M SURE
23 SHE'LL CONTINUE LIVING THERE. IF SHE GROWS UP TO BE A YOUNG
24 WOMAN ADOPTED OUT INTO THE PLACE SHE HATES BEING IN, BASED ON
25 THE REPORTS AND THAT HE'S BEING MISTREATED BECAUSE LET ME TELL

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1 YOU NONE OF YOU WOULD FORCE YOUR DAUGHTER TO EAT A BANANA OUT
2 OF THE TRASH BECAUSE YOU'D CONSIDER THAT ABUSE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. IF YOU HAVE FACTS TO BACK
5 THAT UP I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO SPEAK TO THE DEPARTMENT PLEASE
6 AND GIVE THEM TIME, A DATE, AND A PLACE. OKAY. THAT COMPLETES
7 PUBLIC COMMENTS. WE HAVE 22 DIFFERENT ITEMS BEFORE US.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN. THANK YOU. WE DO.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE DO. ALL RIGHT.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALRIGHT MR. CHAIRMAN, AND I THINK -- YES.
14 THIS IS A MOTION THAT I THINK CAPTURES THE SENTIMENT OF
15 EVERYONE AND THERE MAY BE A POINT AT WHICH WE MAY NEED TO
16 BIFURCATE, MR. CHAIRMAN. AS SUCH, THE MOTION IS AS FOLLOWS.
17 INTRODUCED BY BOTH RIDLEY-THOMAS AND YAROSLAVSKY. THE THRUST
18 OF THE MOTION IS TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE FINAL
19 REPORT OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION FOR CHILD PROTECTION
20 USING THE JUNE 10, 2014 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS MEMO AS A
21 RESOURCE. SECOND TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION AS
22 A SEPARATE ENTITY THAT REPORTS DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS. THE L.C.P. WILL BE HOUSED WITHIN THE BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS EXECUTIVE OFFICE. THE THIRD RECOMMENDATION OR
25 DIRECTIVE IS TO ESTABLISH A TRANSITION TEAM WHO WILL PROVIDE

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1 FORMAL ADVICE TO THE BOARD REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHILD
2 SAFETY UNTIL THE NEW OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION IS CREATED TO
3 ACT AS A UNIFIED, COORDINATING ENTITY. FOURTH RECOMMENDATION
4 OR DIRECTIVE IS THAT THE TRANSITION TEAM SHOULD BE COMPRISED
5 OF NINE MEMBERS SUPPORTED BY A COUNTY COUNSEL WITH SUBJECT
6 MATTER EXPERTISE, SPECIFICALLY FIVE MEMBERS CHOSEN BY THE
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BLUE RIBBON
8 COMMISSION. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE JUVENILE COURT. A
9 REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE. A REPRESENTATIVE
10 FROM THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSION. THE FIFTH POINT IS THAT THE
11 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL ULTIMATELY UNDERTAKE AN EXECUTIVE
12 SEARCH FOR A DIRECTOR OF THE O.C.P. THE TRANSITION TEAM SHOULD
13 WORK WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PROVIDE INPUT AS TO A
14 JOB DESCRIPTION. THESE ARE QUALITIES AND EXPERIENCE FOR THE
15 DIRECTOR OF THE O.C.P. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL INTERVIEW
16 CANDIDATES AND SELECT THE DIRECTOR OF O.C.P. SIXTH THE
17 TRANSITION TEAM BE ENTRUSTED TODAY MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
18 BOARD AS TO THE SIZE AND SCOPE OF THE O.C.P. THE FINAL
19 DETERMINATION TO BE MADE BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. 7,
20 DIRECTIVE IS THAT THE TRANSITION TEAM WILL MEET AT LEAST
21 MONTHLY STARTING JULY 1 AND PRIORITIZE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
22 THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS STARTING WITH --
23 AND THIS IS THE ANTONOVICH AMENDMENT -- TO ASSESS THE EXISTING
24 HUB AND PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES' PROGRAM FOLLOWED BY THE
25 TRANSITION TEAM AND O.C.P. SHALL PRIORITIZE IMPLEMENTING OF

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1 PHASED-IN COUNTY-WIDE INITIATIVE RELATED TO THE HUBS THEN TO
2 EVALUATE EVERY CHILD UNDER AGE ONE WHO IS TEMPORARILY DETAINED
3 AT THE MEDICAL HUB, AND, FINALLY, HAVE A PUBLIC NURSE
4 ACCOMPANY A SOCIAL WORKER WHEN INVESTIGATING A CHILD ABUSE AND
5 NEGLECT REFERRAL FOR EVERY CHILD UNDER AGE ONE. WE MOVE FROM
6 THERE TO SUGGEST THAT THE TRANSITION TEAM THEN O.C.P. SHALL
7 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD EACH MONTH BEGINNING AUGUST 5TH AND
8 THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE REQUESTS
9 THAT THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD PLACE THIS MATTER AS A SET ITEM ON
10 THE REGULAR AGENDA. FINALLY, MR. CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, PRIOR
11 TO IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION
12 RECOMMENDATIONS, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL WORK WITH
13 RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS, THE TRANSITION TEAM AND/OR THE O.C.P. TO
14 DETERMINE COST OF IMPLEMENTATION AND IDENTIFY A SOURCE OF
15 FUNDING FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL AND EXECUTION. CHIEF
16 EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS ARE ALSO TO IDENTIFY
17 SAVINGS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS THAT COULD OFFSET
18 ANY OF THESE COSTS. MR. CHAIRMAN, THIS ESSENTIALLY CAPTURES
19 THE RANGE OF AMENDING MOTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT FORTH
20 PURSUANT TO THE LENGTHY AND SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION WE HAVE
21 THAT COMES TO YOU AS A MOTION FROM BOTH RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
22 SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY. AND IT TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION THE
23 RANGE OF OTHER INPUTS THAT WE'VE HAD. THOSE WHO MAY WISH TO
24 BIFURCATE ANY PARTICULAR ASPECT.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CAN I JUST THROW IN? YOU KNOW, I'M
2 TRYING TO CHAIR THE MEETING, BRING Y'ALL TOGETHER? BUT I'M
3 HEARING A LOT OF CONVERSATION OUT OF BOTH OF MY EARS. IS THERE
4 ANY SUPPORT FOR PUTTING IT ON THE TABLE TO NEXT WEEK SO YOU
5 ALL CAN WORK THIS LANGUAGE OUT? BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND THERE'S
6 SIGNIFICANT DISAGREEMENT AGAIN. I'M WILLING TO VOTE IT UP OR
7 DOWN.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, CAN I MAKE A SUGGESTION?

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SURE. PEACE AND JOY.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FIRST, WE HAVE A CLOSED SESSION ITEM, DO WE
14 NOT?

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD RECOMMEND WE GO INTO CLOSED SESSION.
19 HOLD THIS ON THE TABLE. SEE IF IT CAN BE RECONCILED AT THE
20 STAFF LEVEL. IF NOT, WE ARE VERY CLOSE TO HAVING, WHAT DO YOU
21 CALL IT AN OMNIBUS MOTION HERE. I DON'T NEED TO BE A SECOND ON
22 IT BY THE WAY FOR PEACE AND ON TIME. SO IF WE DON'T WORK IT
23 OUT BETWEEN NOW AND THE CLOSED SESSION, THEN WE SHOULD PUT IT
24 OVER ONE WEEK AND DO THIS IN 10 MINUTES NEXT WEEK.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE NO PROBLEM. WE CAN ALSO PUT IT ON
2 TABLE AND LET THE STAFF WORK ON IT UNTIL WE COME OUT OF CLOSED
3 SESSION. AND SEE WHAT THEY CAN COME UP WITH.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF THAT CAN BE DONE, THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DO THAT. ACT TODAY.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING, GLORIA. I KNOW
10 YOU WANT TO ACCUSE ME. ALL I DID WAS MAKE A SUGGESTION IF WE
11 CAN'T COME UP TO SOME AGREEMENT, THAT IT SHOULD BE CONVENED
12 FOR A WEEK. THE OTHER SUGGESTION WAS, AND I AGREE WITH THAT,
13 IF WE WILL GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AND DEAL WITH OTHER COUPLE
14 ITEMS, HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS, BUT AT THE STAFF LEVEL SEE
15 IF THERE'S A LANGUAGE ISSUE THAT COULD BE WORKED OUT SO WE CAN
16 DEAL WITH IT TODAY. I MEAN, IF YOU WANT TO DO IT TODAY, THEN I
17 THINK WE SHOULD DO THAT. OKAY? ALL RIGHT. SO WOULD YOU READ US
18 INTO CLOSED SESSION AND THEN WHEN WE COME OUT OF CLOSED
19 SESSION, THEN WE'LL SEE WHAT THE STAFF HAS COME UP WITH. WE'LL
20 LOOK AT IT AND GO FROM THERE.

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
23 BOARD, THERE IS AN URGENCY FINDING THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR
24 IMMEDIATE ACTION IN THE NEED FOR SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING

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1 AGENDA TO PUT AN ITEM ON, WHICH WOULD BE ITEM CS-5, CONFERENCE
2 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED
5 URGENCY. MOVED AND SECONDED, THEN, TO MOVE IT TO CLOSED
6 SESSION.

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** OKAY. AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN
9 ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO.
11 CS-2, THE CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
12 LITIGATION AND ITEM NO. CS-5, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
13 REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED,
14 SUPPLEMENTAL AND THE URGENCY MOTION. THANK YOU.

15

16

17

[CLOSED SESSION]

18

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL REPORT OUT. I DON'T SEE. DO WE
21 HAVE ANY DOCUMENTS YET.

22

23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** NO. BUT I WILL GIVE THE REPORTABLE
24 ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION TODAY. ON ITEM NO. CS-1, THAT ITEM
25 WAS CONTINUED TWO WEEKS. ON ITEM NO. 2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL

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1 COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED
2 SETTLEMENT OF THE MATTER ENTITLED THOMAS GOLDSTEIN VERSUS
3 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE DETAILS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ONCE
4 FINALIZED BY ALL PARTIES. THE VOTE OF THE BOARD WAS UNANIMOUS
5 WITH ALL SUPERVISORS BEING PRESENT. ITEM NO. CS-3, THAT ITEM
6 WAS CONTINUED ONE WEEK. CS-4 WAS CONTINUED ONE WEEK. AND ON
7 ITEM NO. CS-5, THE BOARD MADE A FINDING OF URGENCY AND A NEED
8 TO DISCUSS THE ITEM PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION
9 54596.9 IN CLOSED SESSION ON THAT ITEM NO REPORTABLE ACTION
10 WAS TAKEN. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SO WE HAVE NO OTHER REMAINING
13 ITEMS BEFORE US EXCEPT S-1 AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE STAFF IS AT
14 AS IT RELATES. ARE THERE ANY DOCUMENTS TO HAND OUT? I JUST SAW
15 IT.

16

17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** WE NEED COPIES.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU READ IT IN TO BE DISCUSSED. IT'S NOT
20 IN THIS MOTION. YOU WANT THREE? ALL RIGHT. EVERYBODY HAD A
21 CHANCE TO LOOK AT IT? ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? I WOULD ASK
22 FOR A NO VOTE.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RELATIVE TO ITEM NO. 1, HAVE A REPORT BACK ON
25 THE COST. OR EXCUSE ME, NO. 2, ON THE OFFICE OF CHILD

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1 PROTECTION AS A SEPARATE ENTITY. SO WE CAN HAVE WHAT THE COST
2 IS.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE COST ON
5 EVERYTHING. ITEM NO. 10 ON THIS IS ANYTHING THAT INVOLVES A
6 COST BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE BOARD FOR ITS CONCURRENCE. I THINK
7 THAT'S ITEM 10 -- ITEM 9. ON MINE IT'S ITEM 9.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WAIT A MINUTE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITS NUMBER 10 ON MINE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE AN OLD VERSION, SORRY.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY, MIKE, SORRY,
16 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, NO. 1 SAYS ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION IN
17 THE FINAL REPORT, THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION FOR CHILD
18 PROTECTION WITH FURTHER ANALYSIS ON THE COST AND TIME FRAME.
19 NO. 1, NO. 10 PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY BLUE RIBBON
20 COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE WILL
21 WORK WITH ALL RELEVANT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THE TRANSITION TEAM
22 AND/OR O.C.P. TO DETERMINE COST AND IMPLEMENTATION TO IDENTIFY
23 A SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' APPROVAL AND
24 EXECUTION. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS ARE

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1 ALSO TO IDENTIFY SAVINGS WITHIN THEIR DEPARTMENT AND CUT COSTS
2 AT ANY OF THESE COSTS. SO IT'S LAID OUT FOR EVERYTHING.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. SUPER.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D JUST ASK ONE THING. I'M
7 BOTHERED THAT WE ONLY HAVE ONE MEMBER FROM THE BLUE RIBBON
8 COMMISSION DESIGNATED FOR THE TRANSITION TEAM. I'D LIKE TO
9 MOVE THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S ORIGINAL MOTION WAS 3.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SECOND.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD MOVE THAT IT BE THREE.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT WAS A COMPROMISE I STUCK WITH SUPERVISOR
16 ANTONOVICH.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT HE DIDN'T STRIKE IT WITH ME.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** WEREN'T YOU THE ONE THAT WAS GIVING ME
21 INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT HOW TO COMPROMISE?

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GLORIA, THIS THING WOULD HAVE BEEN OVER TWO
24 HOURS AGO IF SOMEBODY HAD KNOWN HOW TO COMPROMISE. SO DON'T
25 START UP WITH ME ON THIS. OKAY. I'LL GO INTO IT.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE EACH HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPOINT A COMMISSION
5 MEMBER. SO WE COULD APPOINT A B.R.C. MEMBER. THAT WOULD BE MY
6 COMPROMISE TO IT. I WAS TRYING TO GET AS MUCH SUPPORT AS I
7 POSSIBLY COULD, AND I THOUGHT THAT WAS SOMETHING. IT WAS VERY
8 IMPORTANT TO MICHAEL.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT DOESN'T PREVENT A BOARD MEMBER FROM
11 AN UNAPPOINTED B.R.C. MEMBER.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. I'M GOING TO MOVE AND SEE
14 WHAT HAPPENS. I'M GOING TO MOVE THAT WE RESTORE IT TO 3 RATHER
15 THAN 1.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE A SECOND?

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SECOND.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ROLL CALL. THIS IS JUST ON
22 THAT PIECE, HOW MANY NUMBERS.

23

24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** JUST ON 3, MOVING IT FROM 1 TO 3.
25 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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1

2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M ABSTAINING ON THIS VOTE.

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ABSTAIN. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

11

12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

15

16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO.

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MOTION FAILS TO CARRY.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE BALANCE OF THE MATTER, MR. CHAIRMAN?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IT'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR

25 RIDLEY-THOMAS. THIS IS THE ENTIRE MOTION?

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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CORRECT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE A SECOND?

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** SECOND.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SECOND. I WOULD JUST IN THE SPIRIT OF
9 COMPROMISE, I'M NOT GOING TO COMPROMISE. I CONTINUE TO OPPOSE
10 THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION. WE STARTED OUT D.P.S.S., THEN
11 WE WENT TO DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, NOW WE
12 WILL HAVE AN OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION, AND THEN WE'LL HAVE
13 AN OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION PROTECTION AND ANOTHER COMMITTEE
14 AND COMMISSION. SO I WOULD ASK FOR A NO VOTE. ROLL CALL,
15 PLEASE.

16

17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** OKAY. ON THE ENTIRE MOTION BEFORE
18 US, SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES.

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

25

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

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9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO.

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13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIES.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE
18 US, RIGHT? THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED.

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20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

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